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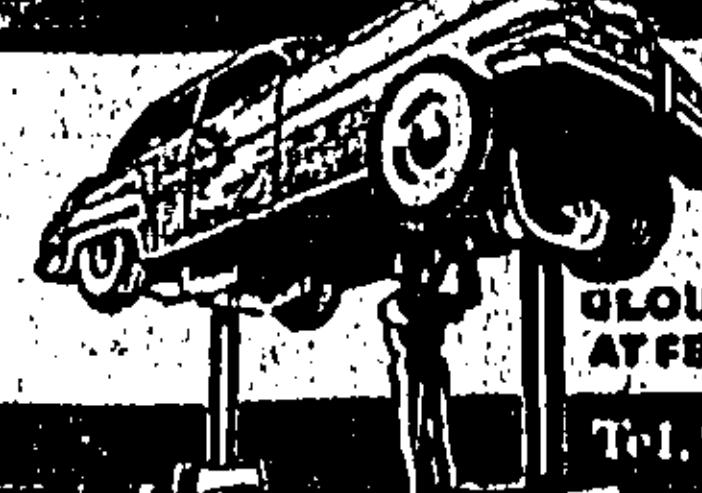
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Respect Asked For Red Rights To CNAC, CATC PEKING STATEMENT

San Francisco, December 3.

The Chinese Communist Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, today warned the Hong Kong government that it would be held responsible for the consequences of any encroachment or damage suffered by the CNAC and CATC assets in the Colony, according to United Press.

Plane Crashes Into Sea

A Seafire of HMS Triumph crashed into the sea off Lamma Island, South of Waglan Island, on Thursday morning during an exercise flight with two other aircraft.

The pilot, who could not be identified from naval sources yesterday, was plucked up by a fishing junk and then transferred to a destroyer which was despatched to the scene after the accident was reported.

The aircraft sank. The pilot was clinging to a rubber life-raft and his signal apparatus when he was rescued by the junk.

He was not injured.

Police Raid On Local Sports Club

More than 300 people, many of them well dressed Chinese ladies, were arrested by a police party under Inspector Holland at the premises of the Eastern Athletic Club, Fleming Road, where Tombola was being played, shortly before 11 o'clock last night.

Considerable excitement was caused when the police made the raid, and huge crowds of spectators gathered in the streets as the alleged gamblers were herded together and taken to Eastern Police Station on the Praya, less than 300 yards from the spot.

Inspector Holland, contacted by telephone, confirmed that the raid was carried out and the arrests made, but said he was too busy to give further details.

DORMITORY BLAZE IN U.S. SCHOOL

Norman, Oklahoma, December 3. A wooden dormitory housing 400 University of Oklahoma students was burned to the ground within a few minutes early today and officials said they were almost certain some students were burned to death.—United Press.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKT) the tropical storm is still centered about 250 miles E of Mindanao and is probably moving westward. The storm is still intense and probably extends southward over China. The depression over the Pacific S of Tokyo is moving rapidly ENE.

Today's Forecast.—Light or moderate N winds, one half.

Yesterday's Weather.—Maximum 74.2 deg. F. Minimum 61.2 deg. F. Sunshines 10.45 hours. Rainfalls: 1.11. Total since Jan. 1—301.9 mm.—82.32 in., as against an average of 215.1 mm.—58.28 in.

Readings at:

Baro. at msl. 1017.0 1013.6 mb.

Equal. 80.8 80.32 mb.

Rel. Humidity 65 65.5%

Dep. Point 51 54 deg. W.

Wind Direction NNE Calm

Wind Force 3 Zero knot.

Tides: Time 11.45

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ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL POWER COMPANY

A net profit of HK\$4,923,574 for the year ended September 30, 1949, was announced at the twenty-seventh annual general meeting of the China Light and Power Company, Limited yesterday.

Mr. Horace Kadoorie, the Chairman, told shareholders that the year had been marked by steady progress in the expansion programme of the Company's plant and distribution system, to the extent that they did not have now to refuse supply to any consumer.

Continuing Mr. Kadoorie said:

"Work has proceeded smoothly in all spheres of the Company's activities and we may look back with great satisfaction on the year's accomplishment.

"Headway has been made with the restoration of our buildings and plant, but much still remains to be done.

"A considerable amount of maintenance work to our machinery was undertaken, and as a result of the continued and careful attention given, there is no doubt that the efficiency of the plant is at a high standard.

"The new No. 1 turbine referred to in last year's Report has now been completed and the Station capacity is now 50,500 Kilowatts.

"Owing to the shipping strike in England, and the failure of certain manufacturers to live up to the promised delivery dates, the No. 13 Boiler is not yet completed. We are doing everything in our power to get this boiler into commission at the earliest possible date.

New Units

"In view of the rapid growth of the Company's load, orders for a further 20,000 kilowatt high pressure turbine and a 200,000 lb. boiler have been placed.

"We have concluded contracts for this plant which provide for delivery approximately 18 months prior to the time we had originally expected.

"The continued operation of the company's existing boiler plant in oil firing has been entirely satisfactory.

"The Chairman last year reported on the vast amount of work which had devolved on the Distribution Department by virtue of the Company's growth and of the necessity to replace obsolete mains and plant.

"Our plans, made in the light of the demand of new industries, were found sufficiently elastic to cope with any amendment necessary.

"The new cotton-spinning industry in Kowloon is now an accomplished fact and your Company will undoubtedly share in its prosperity as other industries will bring to the Colony.

"We have continued to give technical advice where requested to consumers, and numerous extensions of appointment have been received for the help we have been able to render.

"Our new sub-stations at T. Kwan Wan and Prince Edward Road are now in operation, and have resulted in a more efficient supply to the areas concerned. Further new sub-stations are planned which are necessary to deal with the growth and modification of the Company's load.

"We shall continue the policy of price reduction as far as circumstances permit, and with due regard to the legitimate interests of our shareholders, in order to make our maximum contribution as utility company towards the reduction of the high cost of living in the Colony.

"Three hundred and seventy-eight factories were connected to the Company's mains against which 126 factories closed down, mainly through changes in location or change in ownership, which leaves a net total of 262 new factories connected.

"The number of consumers again shows an increase, and a September 30, was some 5,000 more than the previous year.

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Broadcast Of Mr. Cassidy Over Radio Hong Kong

Newspapers in Britain as a whole are of little help for anyone on home leave from Hong Kong, said Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, in a broadcast last night.

He was commenting on the lack of full information on developments in the Far East which, he said, businessmen with Far East connections are anxious to obtain.

Other criticisms regarding the British National Press were that the newspapers had deteriorated from what had never been a high standard. He said that with a few exceptions the Press caters for a public which is assumed to crave for the sordid and the trivial.

"Unless the Press takes its responsibilities more seriously than it is at present doing, there is a considerable danger of it having its liberty curtailed," said Mr. Cassidy.

In radio Hong Kong's weekly feature, Saturday Round-up, Mr. Cassidy gave his impressions of different aspects of life in the United Kingdom. He said that there cannot be anything radically wrong with Britain so long as a great percentage of the people continue to cultivate their gardens.

His broadcast in full follows:

"An indelible impression will have been left on the minds of all who went home this summer by the superb weather which lasted almost without a break from the last part of May until the middle of October. There is no day after a day of bright sunshine and if it had not been for an occasional cloudburst here and there, there would have been continuous drought throughout the country.

"Farmers had bumper crops of hay and corn, and although there were some means about root crops in many parts of the country, timely rain brought compensation in this department by rapid growth before hitting.

"Dairying, however, suffered and there was a general shortage of milk in most parts of England. It is astonishing how highly mechanised British farming has become and I learned that more than 9,000 Combine Harvesters are now in operation.

Compared with 1945, food seemed more plentiful, but of course people staying in hotels enjoy a sheltered life and are not in a position to pass judgment. The sanctity of the married in the household is not realised by those who are provided with many varieties of game in hotel or restaurant.

Petrol Rationing

"There is no doubt that generally speaking the people of Britain have to put up with an unbalanced diet of too much starch and not enough protein. Hotels have been seriously affected by the Catering Act which was mainly intended to provide reduced working hours for the staff.

"In small hotels, catering for a short season, the consequences has been extremely serious. Even if it were feasible to incur the heavy expenditure entailed by expansion of staff, it would not be possible to secure suitable labour.

"The motorist from overseas is amply provided with petrol coupons and is at a great disadvantage over resident motorists. Roads generally are constantly being improved and although there is much heavy traffic on the main routes, dual carriageways and good surfaces, speed up traffic considerably.

"Many second class roads are in splendid condition and together with new by-pass roads enable one to avoid most industrial areas when travelling from one part of the country to the other.

"Hotels on motor routes vary a good deal, but many a modest establishment turns out to be first rate in regards food and service, while on the other hand some of the four star hotels are below standard.

"One learns by experience where to stop and where to go on. Despite petrol restrictions there is a very large number of private cars on the road but, many of them are old creaks and it is a safe bet that a current year's model is owned by someone from overseas.

"As always, politics seem to mix themselves into any conversation. The Government, like most Governments, come in for plenty of criticism and receive very little credit.

"Devaluation has given the critics plenty of scope. I could say something myself on the subject and also on the question of nationalisation, but, remembering what a rough time the Archibalds of York received at the hands of

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Today

Too H Club classical concert, 80, Macdonald Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, sketching party, members to assemble at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.

Concert by the Band of 1st Bn. The Buffs, at St. John's Cathedral, 9 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Bible Sunday Service (to be broadcast), 11 a.m.

Open Air Concert by Band of the 1st Bn. The Buffs, Botanical Gardens, 3 p.m.

European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "Chinese Dialects" by Mr. O. B. Anderson, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Day Remembrance Service, Stanley Cemetery, 8 p.m.

Filipino Club reception for Philippines Vice President Lopez, 4.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Race Day in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

HK Women's International Club, Club Night for Forces, 7.30 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.

HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk by Mr. K. Ashdowne on Essential Services Corps, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Legislative Council meeting 2.30 p.m.

The H meeting, 50, Macdonald Road, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Literary and Debating Group meeting, talk on "Administration of Justice in the Colony" by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, 8.45 p.m.

Dancing Class (admission free) at European YMCA, for Servicemen, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Club weekly luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HK Women's International Club, Dance for Servicemen, 7.30 p.m.

British Council weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Friday

Hunter Mauled By Tiger Cub

A Chinese hunter was badly mauled by a tiger cub on Friday at Shatin, New Territories, near the five-and-a-half-mile stone. He was admitted to hospital for treatment.

Accompanied by three others 31-year-old Ng Yung went hunting for boar on the hillside. The party was preceded by two hunting dogs.

Attracted by the barking of one dog, Ng ran into the undergrowth and his dog engaged in a fight with a tiger cub.

Finding himself too close to the animal to bring his gun into action, Ng dropped it and grabbed the tiger by the neck. He was mauled on the legs and thighs and had his front teeth knocked out.

His companions threw stones at the animal and attempted to kill it by hitting it on the head with rifle butts.

Ng's wounds forced him to release his grasp. The tiger disappeared into the undergrowth further up the hill.

Ng's companions called the police and an ambulance was sent for to take Ng to hospital. His hunting dog died later as a result of wounds suffered in the fight with the tiger cub.

Charged with the possession of a revolver and six rounds of ammunition on board a bus on Friday, Chan Nam, an unemployed by-Communist soldier,

was remanded three days by Mr. D'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

SHIP WITH KMT SOLDIERS HERE

The ss. Haven, called here yesterday with about 2,000 Chinese soldiers aboard and anchored outside harbour limits beyond Green Island.

It was learned that arrangements to send food supplies to the passengers steamer were made by the local Nationalist military representatives last night.

The last boat to call and the destination of the Haven could not be determined last night because of lack of communication.

Three blimps were killed and three captured in Canton city yesterday. They were intercepted by Communist soldiers.

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HONG KONG & DIRECTORY (1949 edition) containing Hong List, Govt. Offices, Hospitals, Schools, Churches, Institutes, Consultancies, Services, Clubs, Agencies, Who's Who, Residences. It's the most up-to-date and most complete of all business directories in the Colony. NOW ON SALE at all leading book shops and "China Mail" Office.

GOVERNMENT STORES DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate which should be clearly marked "Tender for the purchase of Japanese Reparation Machinery" will be received at the office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Friday, December 9, 1949.

The lot consists of a "AJAX 5 INCH FORMING PRESS FOR MAKING UPSET FORGINGS" and forms of tender with further particulars may be obtained at the office of the Controller of Stores, Government Stores Department, Electric Road, North Point.

Signed: SHEN TEH-HSIEH, Managing Director, China National

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Monday, 12th December, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Re-electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Nov. 28, 1949.

NOTICE

2. Subject to the registration and surrender of identification permits and badges, the Managing Director will continue the payment of wages to all employees thus registered, and will ask the Director of Civil Aviation in Hong Kong to issue new badges and new identification permits for the Kai Tak Airfield and their badges formerly issued by the Corporation at the time of registration.

3. The payment of wages for the month of December will be made on December 15, 1949 after permission is obtained from the Supreme Court to release the Corporation's funds.

Signed: SHEN TEH-HSIEH, Managing Director, China National

NOTICE

TO:—CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION CORPORATION EMPLOYEES

The registration and surrender of identification permits and badges referred to in my announcements to the Press will take place at No. 7 Ice House Street, Hong Kong, ground floor between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on work days from December 7, 1949 to December 14, 1949, inclusive.

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The number of persons to be vaccinated and the name of the person in charge of the arrangements should be given in addition to the telephone number of the firm.

Firms employing less than 50 employees are requested to send their employees for vaccination to the nearest Vaccination Centre.

These Centres are—

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Tung Wah Eastern Hospital.
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Queen Mary Hospital.

KOWLOON.

Yaumati Public Dispensary.
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Hung Hom Public Dispensary.
Kwong Wah Hospital.
Tsim Sha Tsui Health Centre
(9 a.m.—1 p.m.).

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Tai O Dispensary.
Sha Tau Kok Dispensary.
Fanling (Ho Tung Dispensary).
Sai Kung Dispensary.
San Hui Dispensary.

Arrangement for the free vaccination of groups of persons may be made by application to the Anti-Epidemic office, G.P.O. Building, or to any Health Office.

Individuals may be vaccinated at any of the public dispensaries or Government subsidised hospital.

I. NEWTON,
Director
of Medical Services.

December 3, 1949.

NOTICE

"DIE HARD'S" CLUB
THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT
(D.C.O.) OLD COMRADES
ASSOCIATION MEETING,
HONG KONG BRANCH
DECEMBER, 1949

The first meeting of this branch will take place on Wednesday, December 7, 1949. Tea will be provided at the Sergeants' Mess at 4.30 p.m., followed by a social evening in the Corporals' Club. It is hoped that all past members of the Regiment in Hong Kong will attend and make this meeting a success. The trials of the 27 Infantry Brigade Inter Unit Boxing Tournament will also be taking place during the afternoon.

NOTICE

An Exhibition of Water-colour and Oil Paintings by Mr. Douglas R. Bland will be held in the Public Relations Office Lecture Room, Statue Square from Monday, 5th December until Saturday, 10th December. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Sport Film To Be Shown By Council

At its weekly film show on Thursday at the Holme May Institute at 5.30 p.m., the British Council will present a programme with sport as its theme.

Mr. R. M. Omar, Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association, will be the speaker.

In addition to the main film, "The Great Game", showing the universal popularity of Association football in Britain under all sorts of conditions, sailing, surfing and other outdoor pastimes are also included in the programme.

Application for tickets, for which there is no charge, must be made in advance to the British Council Library, Old Urban Council Building, Statue Square (opposite Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank).

A special film show for children only will be given on the same day at 4 p.m.

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Hong Kong Derby—8th April, 1950

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Entries close to the Secretary, Telephone House, 1st floor, at noon on Saturday, 10th December, 1949.

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JANUARY

(December 21—January 10) Some uncertainty about arrangements for first half of week. But you see your way clearly on Wednesday. Contacts made that day likely to be more important than you realize at first. Schemes that originate on Thursday have an excellent chance of success. Journey probable.

(January 20—February 18) Venus enters your Sun Sign this week, hence easier conditions all round and probably more social life. But you will have to allow for a change-over in working conditions and for hostile criticism from a new associate. Wednesday likely to be eventful and important.

(February 19—March 20) Don't rush changes, they will probably come about early this week whether you plan them or not. If you take life as it comes, make the most of introductions and new friendships, matters should work out pretty well. "Gambler's luck" possible mid-week.

(March 21—April 20) Some undertaking that you have been postponing of late may now be possible. But don't expect anything to go through without controversy and extra effort this week. A little trouble connected with missing letters or lost documents on Tuesday.

(April 21—May 20) Financially an up and down week. You make one arrangement that benefits you but may find on Friday that another claim has materialised. End of week propitious for new contracts and journeys.

(May 21—June 20) Events of the next few days effect a new relationship closely.

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

What may have been a casual friendship is likely to develop into a business alliance. End of week should see you moving about on family business or following up some overseas connection.

JULY (June 21—July 20) A changeable week. Reshuffles amongst staff or fellow workers affect your own affairs. About Wednesday a surprise that will make you alter your ideas about family projects, and particularly about older people.

AUGUST (July 21—August 21) Likelihood of a little trencherly this week; be careful. But socially and financially a promising period, particularly if you have much to do with strangers or foreigners. If married, good fortune materialises through marriage partner.

(August 22—September 22) A lively week socially; you entertain and at the same time, get about more and more. A new friendship that originates mid-week likely to be more important than you expected. A close associate's success indirectly brings benefits to you.

SEPTEMBER (September 23—October 23) Long planned changes now get nearer realisation. If you are contemplating a house move, family or business reshuffle, better get on with it on Wednesday. A propitious week for social life and for anything to do with children.

NOVEMBER (October 24—November 22) Much mental activity this week and likelihood of a new and important scheme getting underway. If you have special knowledge or training you should get a chance to make good use of it on Wednesday. A propitious period for family and household affairs.

DECEMBER (November 23—December 20) If in difficulties this week, look to the family rather than to strangers. One member of it may be ultra-cautious but is likely to be generous and practical. New schemes develop rapidly after Wednesday.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4: FOR MOST OF US Don't spend much time alone. An ideal day for entertaining and pleasure seeking. Happy developments in some personal problem this afternoon. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This is likely to be just the type of year you appreciate. True, you will have a few problems to face in 1949/50, but they are not likely to affect your general prosperity.

Throughout the 12 months you will live comfortably, make money, find happiness.

From the business angle you are in "luck." What you are doing at the moment would probably bring in good returns about June next. After that, it will be worth while concentrating on new schemes.

You may gain through speculation and you are pretty certain to gain through windfalls and through clever utilising of goodwill. Don't expect anything in the way of legacies and don't worry if property investments depreciate during the next 12 months. You standard of living is likely to improve steadily throughout the year.

Don't neglect opportunities of launching out socially. If you make good use of your innate social gifts and charm you will make many valuable friends this year. You may become a leader of your particular "set" or score some personal triumph early in 1950.

Relationships with older people may be somewhat strained during the early part of the year but they need not depress you unduly. Other ties are likely to become stronger and to bring ever increasing happiness. If single, and thinking of getting married, you may find yourself a winner in the marriage lottery this year.

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21—January 19.

It is already married, you will find you can afford more luxuries than usual and that family life becomes more secure and comfortable as the months pass.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6: FOR MOST OF US: Probably a critical and unsettled day. Important decisions may be necessary before night. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Mauve, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Don't expect much comfort or peace of mind during the first half of your birthday year. Though actual set-backs are not likely to occur, you will be restless and dissatisfied until mid-1950. Your dissatisfaction will probably culminate in a bout of changes in June.

It is a good year for tackling anything new, for re-organising your business, for making reshuffles all round. If your new schemes take you overseas or entail the development of some overseas business, this is the better. Financially it will be the better, though it will be a period of ups and downs. You will have an expensive time early in the year and may find yourself rather hard up about Easter. But later come windfalls and some surprising "good luck." By your next birthday you should have cash in hand.

If you have any interest in religion or the occult, this should be an outstanding year in your development. It will be an important period too for health. If you have been out of sorts lately, a marked change for the better is likely in six months time. Domestic life, too, is under changeable stars. You are likely to re-organise your household to get rid of some turbulent person in it. If single, don't rush into marriage this year; wait until October 1950. If already married, you may find renewed happiness in the next 12 months.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7: FOR MOST OF US: Work likely to stick to your fingers this morning. Better shelves difficult or tedious jobs until another day. Evening hours propitious for pleasure-seeking and personal affairs. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Rose pink, 6, Lapis-lazuli.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Better be prepared for an up and down existence during the next few months. Most of the time you will be longing to break away from present conditions and restrictions, yet be unable to do so. In about six months time, you should get the opportunity you are waiting for.

If in close contact with the family, you may find it difficult to keep clear of feuds and upsets. There are sure to be clashes in your particular circle and it will be difficult to avoid being drawn in. If you can play the role of peacemaker, do so.

In business, older people will be exceedingly trying—men in particular. But do remember that changes will be unavoidable just yet; try to keep your temper and make the best of things until after June. You won't lose financially by such a policy.

Take care of health and be on your guard against mishaps such as burns or falls. The chances are that your own health will be good, but that you will be concerned about an elderly relative. Someone else's illness means a drain on your pocket.

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to reach for quick profits and be dissatisfied.

If you are closely associated with older men, stick to them. You are safe enough with people whom you have known and trusted for eight or nine years. On the other hand, friends will probably give you specious advice about making money—advice that will prove a snare and a delusion.

There is some possibility of a legacy, though if you gain in this way during 1949/50 you will also take on some curious responsibility. If you have money to spare, buy a new house or some land this year.

If now unmarried, an old sweethearts turns up in your life and marriage may result. If already comfortably settled, you have no cause for worry this year, provided you keep interfering relatives at a distance. Socially it will be a happy time, though you will make few new friends of any value.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9: FOR MOST OF US: Beware of extravagance or bad bargains this morning. Better for purely theoretical work than for actual business surprises late in day. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Lavender, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Both happiness and success this year depend upon how courageous and original you may be. If you are a stickler for routine and anxious to stay in a rut you will miss all that fate has to offer. If, however, you can rise to emergencies, cope with new situations, you will have an outstanding year.

A chance to see the world, perhaps settle abroad, should come about the end of June. You would be wise to take it; good fortune and pleasant experiences would follow if you go overseas; if you decide to stay, consider a move to another neighborhood.

Financially all's well although you will have many unexpected expenses. There is some ill-luck, though gains through speculation and the New Year, and still more chance of windfalls through the generosity of friends. Your usual income should also increase. Intellectually, it will be an outstanding year in your life.

You will probably feel at your best and brightest throughout the year. Also, some new interest or study begin in mid-1950 has far-reaching effects.

It will be a very propitious year for anyone still fancy-free. Romantic adventures seem inevitable in the last few months of the year. If already married, a new interest comes into your life and a new inmate of the household may be both helpful and disturbing.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8: FOR MOST OF US: A good day for clearing up half completed jobs or tackling anything difficult. Unfortunate for speculation and out-of-the-way ventures. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Rose pink, 6, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: There are a few problems ahead of you this year, but on the whole this will be a period of quiet happiness and over-increasing security.

Most of your worries about future prosperity will be eased before the year is out. You will make some arrangement that will serve you well in the years to come.

If you own property you will make money through it this year, or, maybe, you get a better and more secure job and realise that there is little to hold you back for many years ahead. If in business on your own, be careful. Better to be over-cautious than exceedingly trying—men in particular. But do remember that changes will be unavoidable just yet; try to keep your temper and make the best of things until after June. You won't lose financially by such a policy.

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three to six years. If still single, marriage plans are not likely to materialise in 1949/50. Whether married or single it will be an outstanding year for new friendships, particularly those of an idealistic type.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10: FOR MOST OF US: Good for both business and social life. Follow up introductions, arrange interviews for early afternoon. Travellers also under propitious stars. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Golden Yellow, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: This is likely to be one of the most important years you have lived through for a long time. Given sufficient courage and imagination, you could go far in 1949/50. Opportunities of the right kind are pretty certain to materialise in July or August next.

Much of your good fortune would come about through link-ups with people of character and upstanding. Possibly your employer takes an interest in you and puts opportunities your way. Alternatively, you get into the good graces of someone who can help you to a more congenial job.

The changes may be associated with travel and you are likely to do well if you go overseas. If you stay at home, a house move is desirable and will probably be inevitable this year.

You will have no health worries in 1949/50. Indeed, your physical well-being and energy will reach a high level. But you may find developments of the latter half of the year exhausting. One change after another is likely to take place from July onwards.

It is a most propitious year for getting married. If still single and thinking of matrimony, go ahead as quickly as you can. If already married, it looks as though you will get new hope and new happiness this year, and that one long-standing family feud will be healed about October.

Travel is very probable particularly in June or August. You would be happy overseas but you will probably find expenses piled up more quickly than you anticipated. Nevertheless, may occur.

It will be an important year in your mental and spiritual development. A new interest—either religious or artistic—brings fresh hope and colour into your life. There is a chance that you link up with some new group of society between August and October.

In your personal affairs it will be a changeable period. In about six months time you make new link-ups, probably break up a friendship that has endured for Red-brown, 8, Jade.

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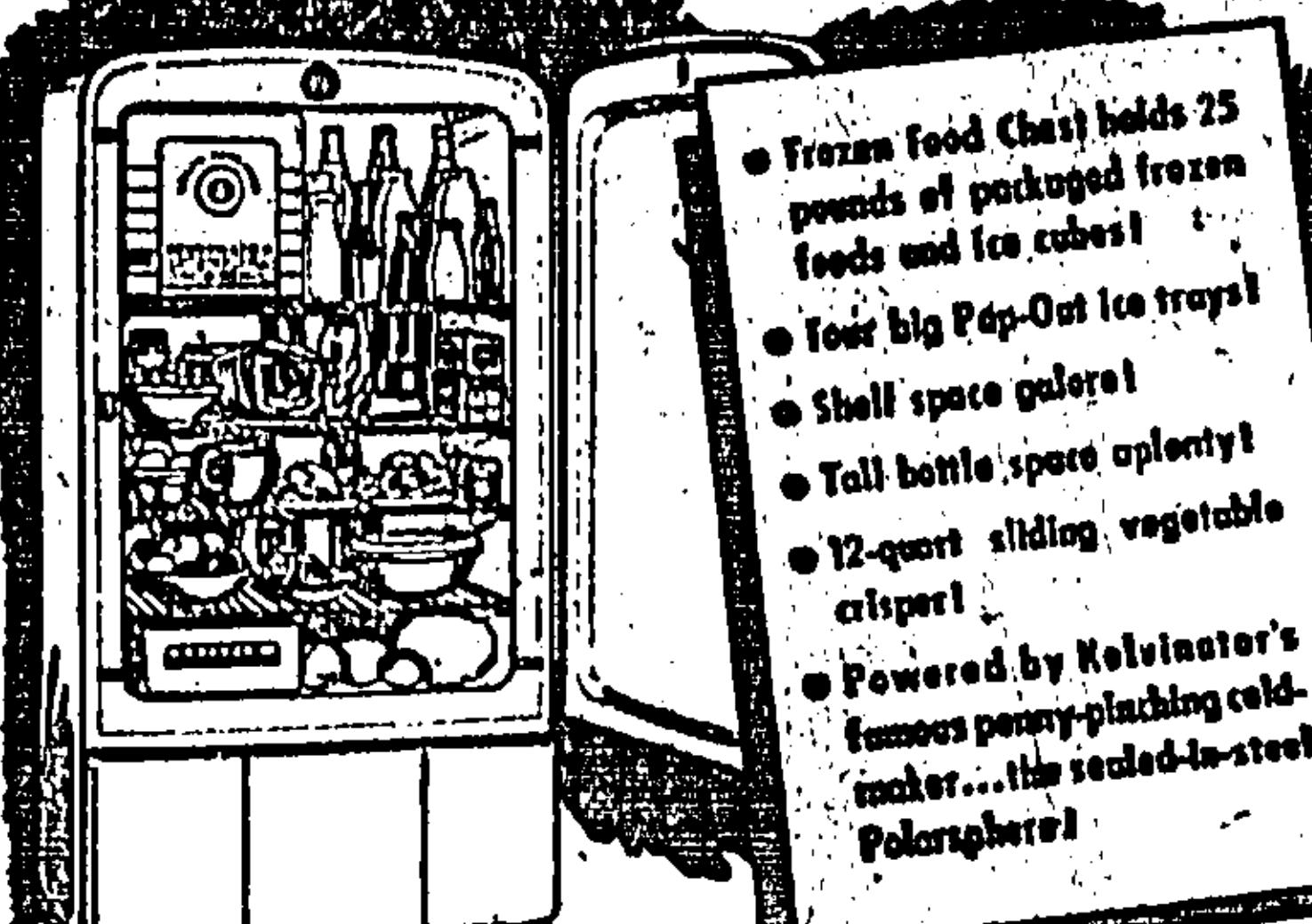
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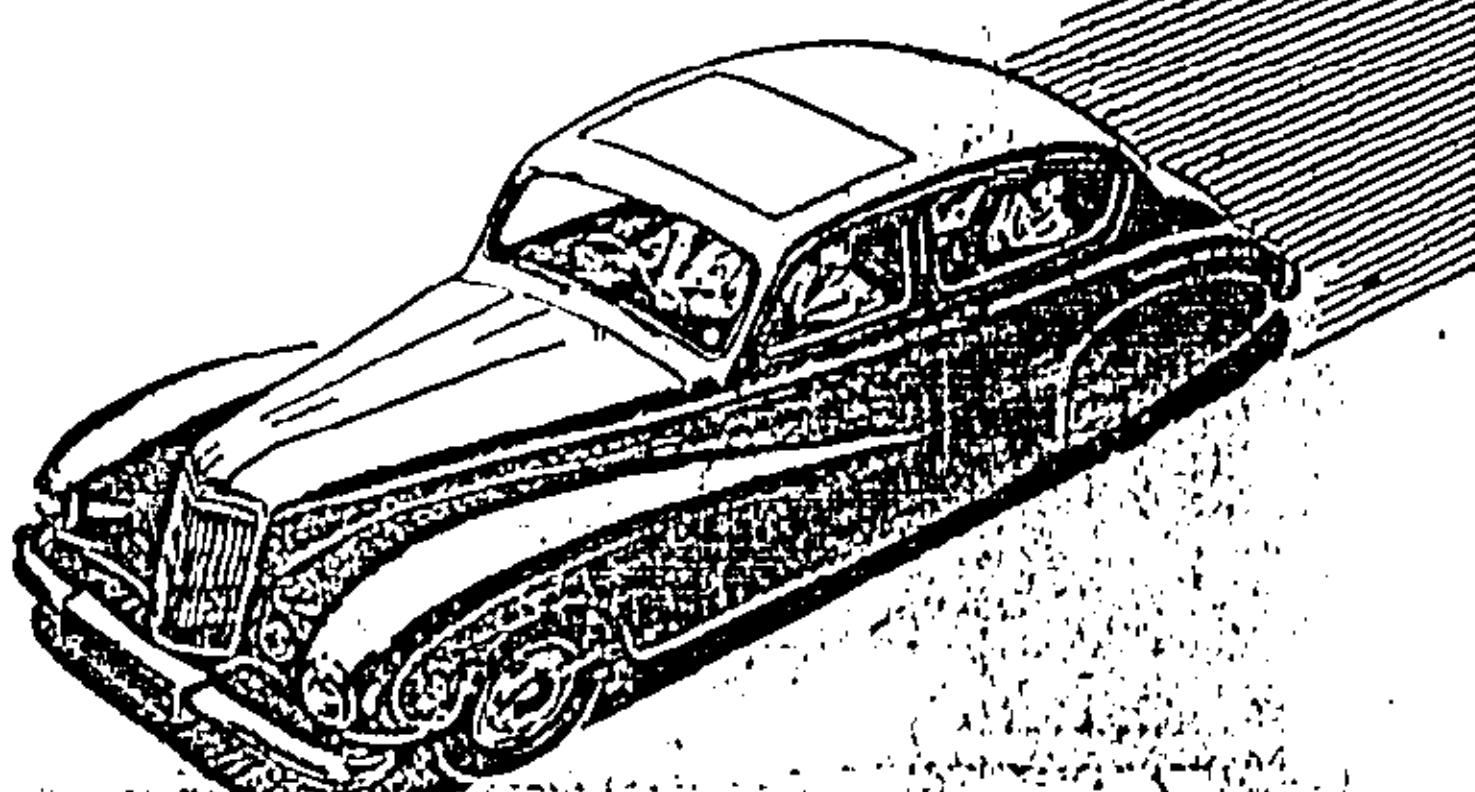
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SOCIALISM MAJOR ISSUE IN AUSSIE GENERAL ELECTION

Sydney, December 3.
Australia's Labour Government seeks a third successive mandate in a December 10 election in which socialism is a major issue. The question of what to do about Communists is another leading issue.

The election, for the 19th Parliament since Australia's Federation in 1901, will involve a sweeping electoral reform reflecting the steady growth of the continent "down under."

Added by a booming European immigration programme, Australia achieved 8,000,000 population on November 1, an increase of 1,000,000 since 1939.

The new Parliament will have a 65 per cent increase in membership to provide a Lower House of 120 members instead of 73 at present, and an increase from 30 to 60 in the Senate, including some seats which do not stand for election now.

The addition of these new seats introduces a complicated new political factors which confuse political forecasters. The Opposition parties, the Monks' Liberal Party, which has strong support from industry and commerce, and Mr. Fadden's agrarian Country Party campaigned vigorously for re-election of Labour would open the way for nationalisation.

They pointed out that the Labour party has not repealed a long-standing clause in its platform on doctrinaire lines, to seek socialisation of the means of production, distribution, exchange and credit.

The Conservatives charged that Mr. Chifley in 1947 used this long

obscure clause to justify introduction of ill-fated legislation to take over private banks.

Rod Issue

On the issue of Communism, the Australian election may prove in a modest way a trend-pointer for other countries. Labour and the United Conservatives are poles apart. Mr. Fadden and Mr. Menzies, who would become the next Prime Minister if Labour is defeated, promise to ban the Communist party in Australia.

Mr. Chifley argues that such a ban would drive the Communists underground. He says it is better to keep them in the open, and that the only cure for any threat of Communism is to improve the status of labour and assure the prosperity of the country.

If the Monks-Fadden parties

win, many political observers predict another election perhaps within a year. These experts say that Mr. Menzies, hobbled by a hostile Senate, would seek a "double dissolution" of Parliament and send both Houses to the people.

Some political experts also believe a Conservative coalition might not survive because of conflict on economic interests. Labour spokesmen say the failure of a Monks-Fadden coalition in the crucial early days of the war proved fundamental divergence of opinion among the Conservatives.

United Press.

SYRIAN GENERAL IN BRITAIN

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Rediffusion

A.M. — Up with the Sun, 7.00—News and Weather Report, 8.15—Ernest White—Organist, 8.30—Morning Music, 8.50—Sunday Variety, 10.00—Harmony Hall, 11.15—Keyboard Concert, 10.30—Overture Service—Light Music—Organ Melodies.

P.M. — 10.00—Dance Music, 10.30—Sports Results, 12.45—Lunch Time Music, 1.15—News and Weather Report, 1.30—Popular Concert

2.00—Afternoon Musicals—Symphony No. 2 in E Flat (Tchaikovsky) (BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult), Concerto No. 3 in D Minor (Mendelssohn) with the composer at the piano and the Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Ormandy.

2.30—Curtain Call—Melodies from New York, 3.00—Piano Concerto (B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult), Concerto No. 3 in B Minor (Mendelssohn) with the composer at the piano and the Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Ormandy.

3.30—Sports Results, 4.00—Tea with You, 4.30—Male Hall Varieties, 5.00—Music for Dance—Played by the South Staffordshire Regimental Dance Band, conducted by M. K. Thatcher.

5.00—Forces' Favorites Request Programme for H.M. Forces

5.30—Just for You, 6.00—The Saturday Programme—A special feature for the children, 6.30—BBC News, 7.15—The Great Picture Show, 7.45—Listen to Leibert, 8.00—"Young Comers," 8.15—The Super-Gold Programme—Barnaby Kays and his Orchestra, with the orchestra.

8.30—"Wings of Darkness" (B.B.C. Light Orchestra), 9.00—"A Woman's Story," written and narrated by Peter Newell, 9.30—The Ovaline Programme, 9.45—BBC News, 10.15—Local News—from Rediffusion.

10.30—Organ Reveries, 10.45—"Concerto" (Mendelssohn), Piano Concerto No. 1 in D Major (B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult), Close Down.

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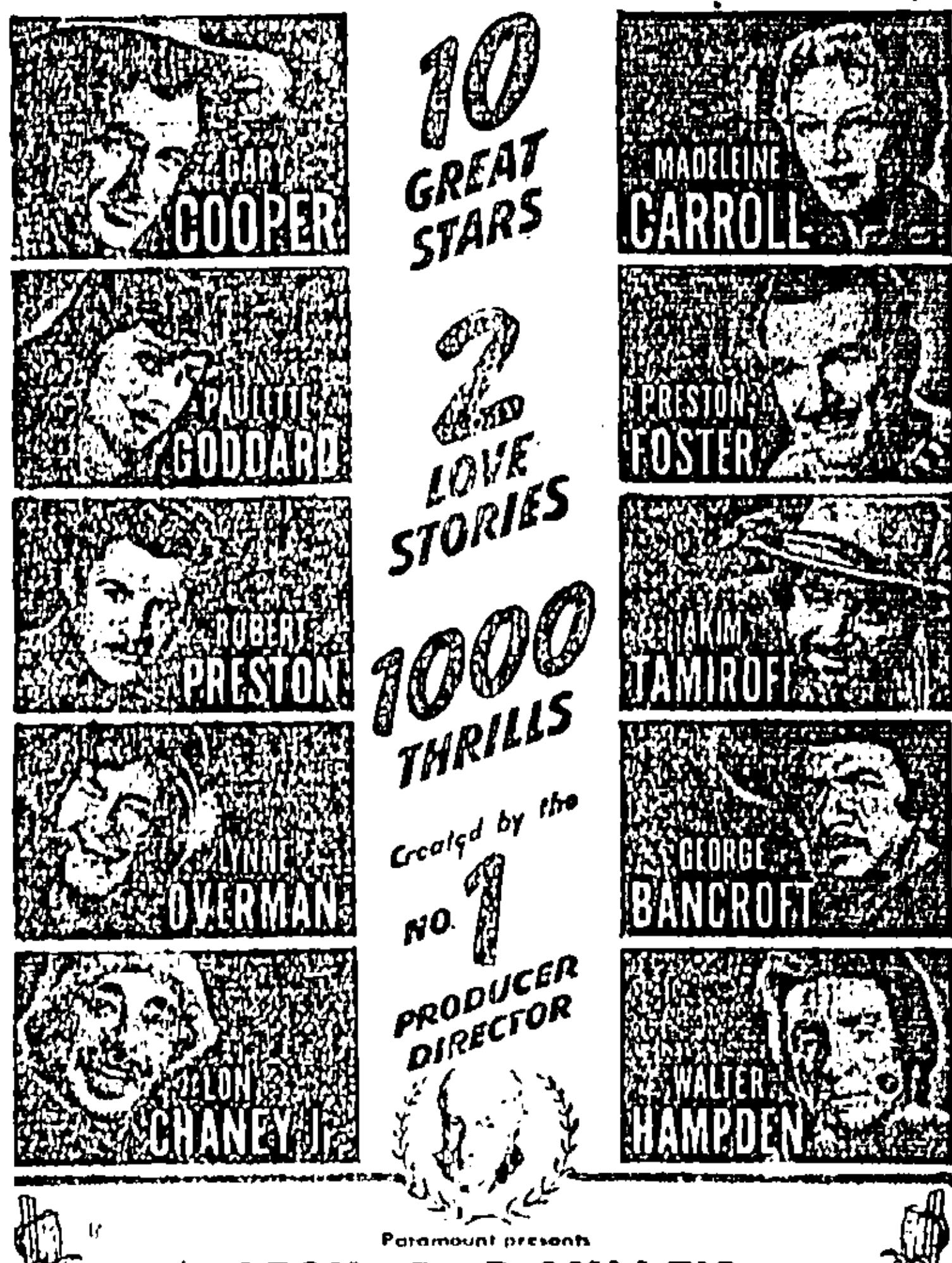
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A ripple of applause goes round the hall. Mr. Campbell holds up a white hand.

"Before I begin, I have an announcement to make. The subject of my lecture has been changed. I will not, as my audience I speak to you about 'Seve, Ways to Make a Stock on Second Favourite.' Instead, my address will be entitled 'The Splendour and Horror of Motor-cars.'

A voice from the back of the hall: "That's So Robert Bruce Lockhart's lecture, at the Book Exhibition. You told us about it last week."

The lecturer bows. "I know that's what gave me the idea. But this was called 'The Splendour and Horror of All Vehicles.' This is a more personal matter. I've bought a car."

A storm of cheering. Boos thundering on the floor. "He's done it again!" "Local boy makes good!" "Where there's a will, there's a way!"

The lecturer acknowledges the applause and takes a sip of ink

from the bottle on the rostrum: "Thank you, friends. Thank you very much. A time of triumph, indeed. But—and here his ascetic features become even more grave mein—" but the motor-car has turned to ashes in my mouth."

A voice from the gallery: "Blow up awrond, Chawlie!" "As you all know, it has been my heart's desire since 1939 to go a-motoring again. How shall I

do?" The lecturer pauses, produces a lettuce sandwich from an inside pocket, and chomps his way through it.

There is a buzz of excitement in the hall. "Never heard him in finer voice..." "Extraordinary grasp of the poetic phrase..." "wonder if too

will be served later..."

The lecturer clears his teeth with a pin, and resumes: "But suddenly, out of a slice of black-mail, comes success. A morse of money comes my way. Will I buy my wife a fur coat? Will I buy my wife a new suit? Will I buy my wife a new man? Certainly not! I shall buy myself a motor-car!"

The lecturer leaps about the platform, waving his clasped hands above his head, while the audience sings "We'll make bonfire of our troubles..."

Order is restored with difficulty. A small, clerky person is bent over a woman about the head with an umbrella in the third row of the stalls.

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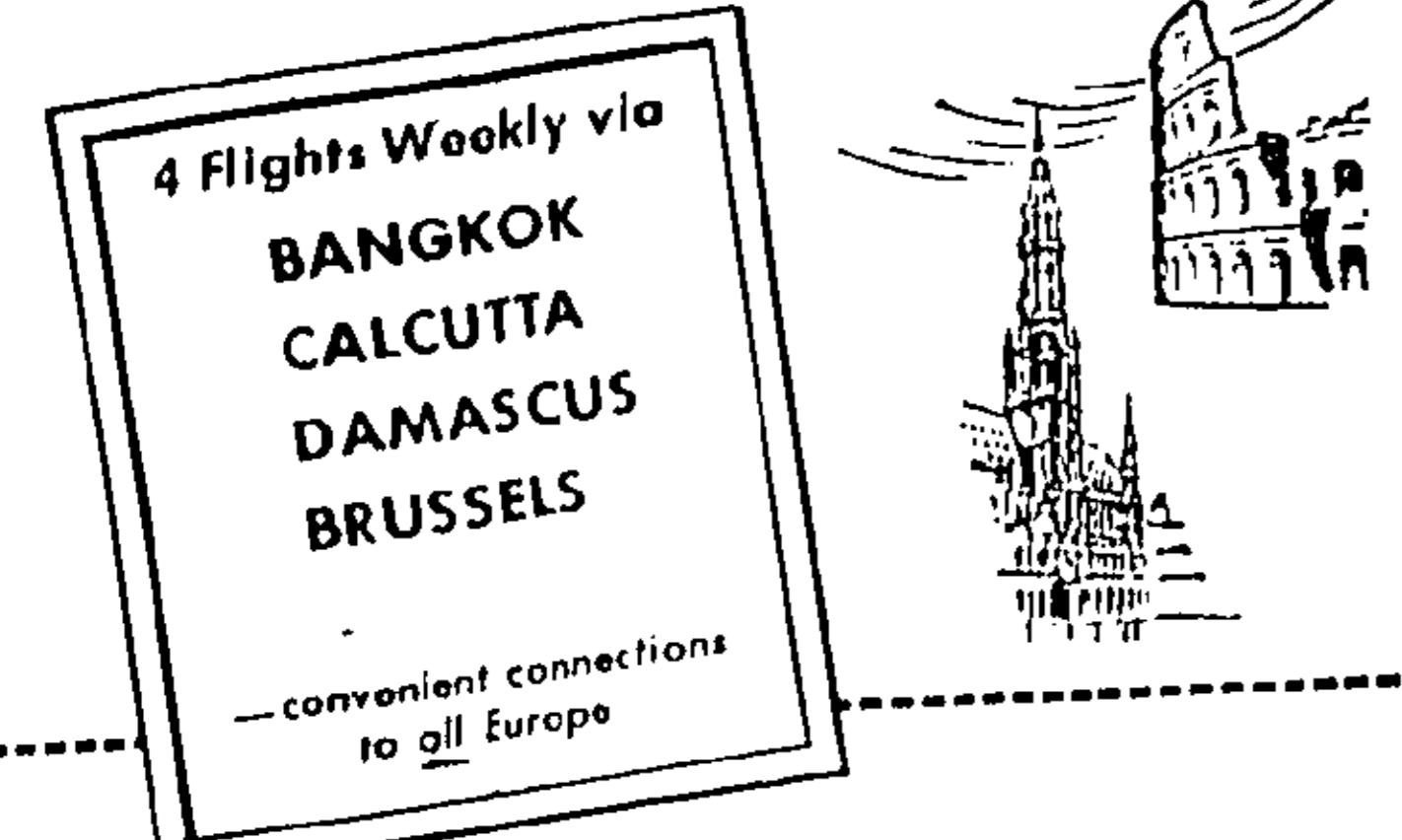
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SCANDINAVIAN MINISTERS TO HOLD MEETING

Stockholm, December 2.
The Scandinavian Premiers, Defence, Foreign, Trade and Finance Ministers will probably meet in Copenhagen shortly.

They will discuss matters of common political interest, according to usually well-informed sources here.

KASHMIR REPORT FOR UN

Geneva, December 3.

The report of the Kashmir Commission will be forwarded to the Secretary-General of the United Nations about the second week of this month.

The report will be circulated to members of the Security Council and Sweden to remain neutral, but the three countries agreed to continue and expand their consultations on political, economic and cultural matters.

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Mr. Gurmani, who arrived here yesterday, was shown round the Palais des Nations in Geneva this morning by M. Colban, representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the Kashmir Commission.

Mr. Gurmani will represent Pakistan at the discussions of the Security Council on the report of the Kashmir Commission.

There will be no official discussions on the Kashmir problem, but there may be some informal talk on the matter.

Mr. Gurmani will leave Geneva for Paris and London on Sunday. Meanwhile, he will renew contacts with such organisations as the International Red Cross. - Reuter.

It will be one of the routine periodic meetings held between Nordic statesmen to stake out, as far as possible, a common Scandinavian foreign and economic policy, particularly in the United Nations Organisation.

These consultations have been taking place regularly, although the three countries failed to agree on a joint defence pact in Oslo earlier this year.

Norway and Denmark then decided to join the Atlantic Pact and Sweden to remain neutral, but the three countries agreed to continue and expand their consultations on political, economic and cultural matters.

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If Russia Moves

Sweden's neutrality policy is unchanged and has the support of all political parties—except the Communists, who say it is un-neutral—the Premier, Mr. Tage Erlander, confirmed again in a speech yesterday.

Only if Soviet Russia moved against Finland would Sweden abandon her neutrality, these quarters added.

The meeting, which Mr. Erlander will neither confirm nor deny, will be the biggest Scandinavian Ministers' gathering since the Oslo discussions.

The presence of the Trade and Finance Ministers may yield a common statement on Scandinavia's long-planned Customs Union, their attitude to Finland and to London reports that Britain may offer Scandinavia a loose Customs or commercial union. - Reuter.

KOREAN REDS "REPENT"

Seoul, December 3.
Forty thousand South Koreans "confessed" as "repentant Communists" during the last five weeks, the Korean National Guidance League announced today.

The Communists were urged to "awaken now or be lost forever" in a campaign aimed at persuading them to apply for an amnesty.

The campaign ended on November 30 and the Ministries of Defence, Home Affairs and Justice are now jointly embarked upon a vigorous clean-up of all "unrepentant sinners." - Reuter.

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Etna Roars Into Action

Catania, December 2.
Peasants living on the fertile lower slopes of Mount Etna were awakened by a roar early today as the volcano belched lava and dust through three new mouths near the Central crater.

Lava streaming down the North Eastern slope surged into some fields. No other damage was done through dust settling on the city of Catania, seven miles away.

The highest volcano in Europe, Etna was last active in July. It has a record of more than 80 known eruptions. - Reuter.

BACK TO WORK AT ENUGU

Lagos, December 2.
Miners at the Enugu mine, West Africa's biggest coal mine, who have been on strike for higher wages have returned to work.

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"Germans Held In Spain"

Munich, December 3.
The "Sueddeutsche Zeitung" today alleged that hundreds of Germans are being held in Spanish concentration camps.

The newspaper published an exclusive interview with a Hamburg Senator, Herr Hermann Wolters, who recently visited Spain.

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Angus Ward Leaving Mukden By Wednesday

Washington, December 2.
The State Department announced that Chinese Communist officials have ordered Consul-General Angus Ward and his entire staff to leave Mukden by 8 a.m. next Wednesday morning, Chinese time.

The State Department Press Officer, Michael McDermott, said that Mr. Ward told this to the U.S. Consul-General in Peking, Edmund Clubb, in a telephone conversation on Friday morning.

Mr. Ward said he had been notified by the Mukden municipal government to the effect that he, together with all foreign members of the Consul-General staff and dependents, must leave Mukden within 48 hours after 8 a.m. Monday, December 5, China time.

While Tientsin is in the area nominally covered by the Nationalist blockade, Mr. McDermott said, American ships are calling there regularly, and the three American vessels which are expected to make the port between December 6 and 17 are about the normal number for that period.

Letter To Mayor

Mr. Ward also reported in his conversation with Mr. Clubb on Friday morning that he had previously written to the Mayor of Mukden, asking to be informed of Saturday of the date when he and his staff could expect transportation facilities.

He had further asked for three days advance notice in which to make final preparations.

The Communists granted this request, Mr. McDermott said.

"The State Department accordingly expects that Mr. Ward and his staff and their dependents will leave Mukden early next week by train to Tientsin," he said. - United Press.

DORSETSHIRE TO TAKE DUTCH TROOPS FROM INDONESIA

Amsterdam, December 3.

The 8,189 ton British troophip Dorsetshire of the Bibby Line has been chartered by the Dutch Nederlands and Rotterdam Lloyd shipping companies for the repatriation of Dutch troops in Indonesia.

The Dorsetshire, which has accommodation for 645 passengers, will leave Batavia for Amsterdam on January 17. To meet the heavy demand for passage, the Dutch Indies to the Netherlands, measures are being taken to charter additional ships in 1951. - Reuter.

NEW PACT ON SUGAR PROPOSED

Washington, December 2.
A new international sugar agreement was urged today as the best way to avoid a world surplus of sugar.

Mr. David M. Kelser, Chairman of the United States-Cuban Sugar Council, made the recommendation at an informal meeting of sugar industry representatives at the Agriculture Department. Cuba has proposed renewing an agreement in effect prior to World War Two.

Mr. Kelser said in a prepared statement: "While there may be no prospect of a serious surplus of sugar in the world during the year 1950, one could develop in the absence of proper international control, very shortly thereafter."

"It is therefore of the utmost importance that the machinery for such control be in existence before an emergency arises."

The proposed agreement would allot quotas to world producing areas, and bind importing areas to adhere to the treaty.

Unlike the sugar agreement of 1937, it also would have some controls over prices.

At an Agriculture Department hearing on Tuesday and Wednesday, Mr. Kelser urged the Department to take the lead in trying to bring about a new international agreement.

The Department hearing was on U.S. sugar needs for 1950. The Secretary of Agriculture will set the estimate some time this month. - Associated Press.

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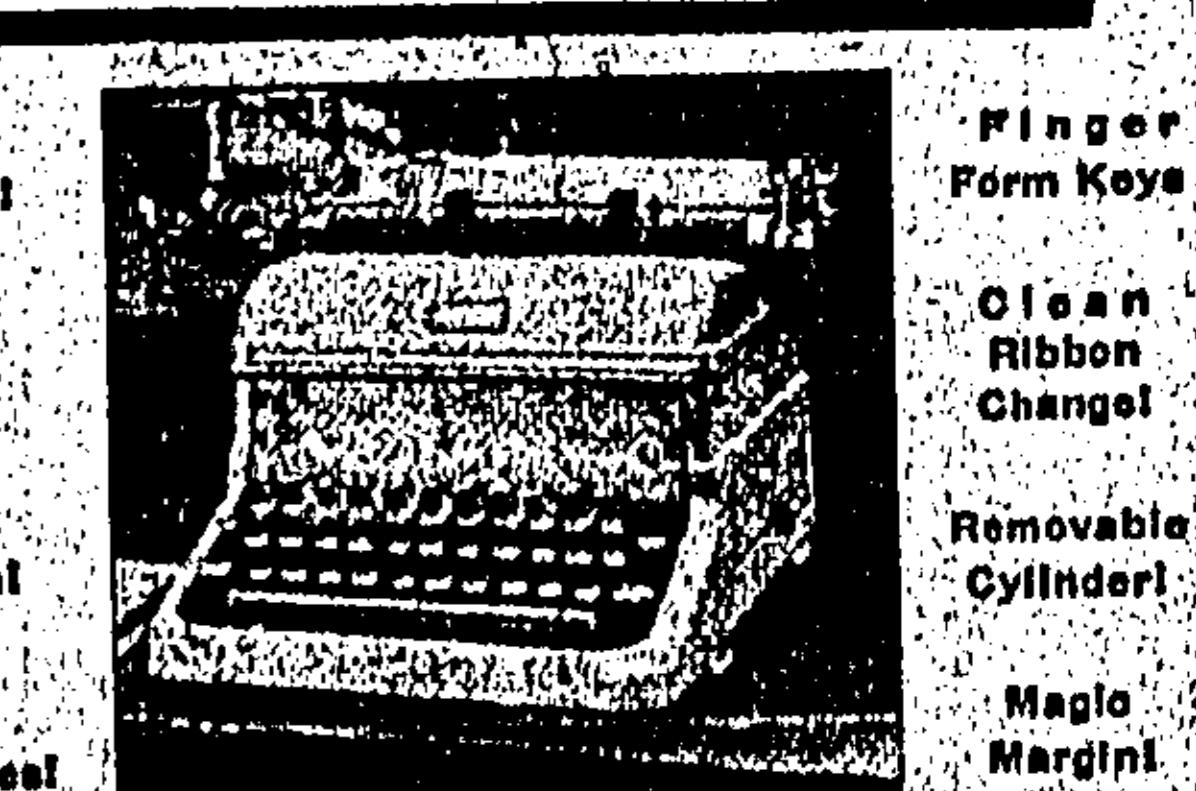
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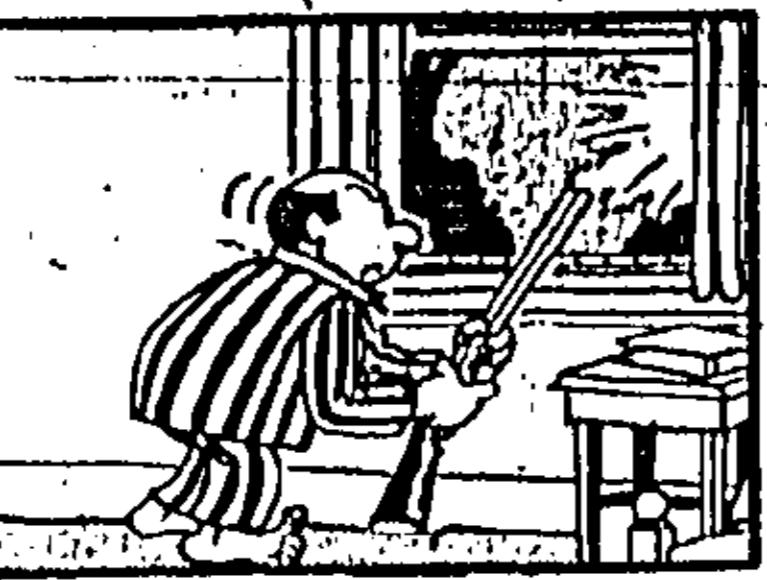
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"I LIKE THE WAY IT FITS MY MOUTH"

Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

My but it's catching. If I see a girl with nice clothes but untidy hair, I mutter to myself, "A swept-up job." The dark blue Service has become a "Naval Type," and asking the identity of a brass hat across the room I heard myself saying, "Who is the brown job?"

The reason for all this is that I have been visiting the RAF station at Hawkinge, near Folkestone, which is a training depot for the WRAF as well as a mixed station (though the men in the case are outnumbered there are two officers and 80 men on the regular staff).

The Commanding Officer of this station holds a rank equal to that of a full Army colonel, and with the same absolute power over all personnel, even of detention if need be.

With this information in mind I found the CO an intriguing character. Group Officer Dunn is a tall, slender, fair-haired young woman in the very early thirties. Her voice is quiet, and so are her hands; she never fidgets. Here is no pale shadow of a man, but a woman with brains and natural authority very 1949.

The other senior officers in charge of training are also young and seem to reflect the easy, bouncy attitude of their chief. If the books in their mess are anything to go by, they have every-



qualifications allow them to enter the Service with a commission, and they come to Hawkinge to learn how to be WRAF officers as well as teachers.

These girls are all between 20 and 25 years old. They are teachers of all subjects, from geography, through modern language and classics, to girls like Flying Officer Ursula Gregg, a 22-year-old biologist and chemist from London University. F. O. Gregg is a pretty girl too. She was educated at a PNEU school in America and spent three years in Beverly Hills, U.S.A.

Asked why she joined the WRAF she said she liked to travel, she also like companionship of her own age, neither of which advantages seemed available to a civilian teacher.

All the "educated ladies" gave this answer. They didn't say much about the security or pay, though another pretty girl, F.O. Adcock, said she found the pay better than civilian life because kitchen bills cost less than living in digs. I said, what about marriage? They laughed and said they were too busy on the course just now.

My visit coincided with another course which was for non-commissioned officers. This was called an "Administrative Course" (hereafter called Admin.); and is about pretty well everything from soup to nuts in the Service.

All N.C.O.s are expected to be able to take over responsibility of other ranks at a moment's notice, so they must have a working knowledge of how to clean out a barrack, how to deal with day-to-day matters involving

Service law, such as minor offences or granting a leave pass, etc.

There is also a good deal of applied psychology in Admin.

Girls who have never before held authority are taught the difficult art of using and not abusing the position.

While the exam. results were coming through I sat around and talked with the girls. I asked if they minded the somewhat Spartan barracks in which they slept, and the inevitable physical training. They said the barracks soon warmed up when occupied, and they all felt better for the outdoor life.

There was A.C.W.2. Morna Currie ("I'm the absolute bottom rank, so far") from Edinburgh. She had been a secretary to a Sheik, but had no future in it. She figured the £1. week A.W.s start with is a bit thin for those who get no help from home.

However, a bit higher up, Sergeant Gladys Fulford, a wireless operator, who comes from Southampton, thought the pay was fine. Dark-haired, blue-eyed Sergeant Fulford has had eight years in the Service, and has a nice tan from her travels. She's been to France, Germany, Palestine, and Aden.

What do they actually DO? Well, aside from the obvious domestic jobs, there are various trades in which they can train. Some of these are: Electricians, Radio mechanics, wireless fitters, photographers, masseuses, nurses, transport mechanics, drivers, hairdressers, interpreters, all kinds of clerks—and "musician" is also listed as a trade.

A parent might ask, does the Service give a girl any training which she can bring back into civilian life? (You can leave at the end of four years if you wish.)

Well, the above list speaks for itself, but let's also take a few extracts from an "exam." paper: Twenty-year-old A.C.W. Greta Salter (she'll be a corporal by now) had to write an essay on "The duties of an N.C.O."

"An important thing in an N.C.O. . . . is her poise and bearing as it reflects her character. . . . She should be able to set an example off and on duty should be helpful and sympathetic to an airwoman who is in distress able to control a number of people without losing her temper. . . . To gain confidence of the airwoman . . . for though an N.C.O. is given a certain amount of authority that is not the same as having people look up to you. . . .

Those precepts would fit all right into a civilian world. Marriage? These girls laughed at the question too, and said they weren't interested in marriage.

Well, well, I guess the feeling of self-respect, born from a job they are proud of, the chance to see something of the world, the painless education and cheerful companionship will make a very adequate substitute — until, maybe, the right man comes along.

TORIES KEEP PRODDING

The unsatisfactorily brief and restricted debate, which was all that Mr. Morrison was willing to grant for the first discussion of foreign affairs since last July, will nevertheless have given a few crumbs of encouragement to those who in foreign countries have lately been dispairing of National Socialist Britain's desire to play sufficient part in building a strong and united Europe.

Those, especially, who do not despair of the intelligence of the British electorate will have been gratified to hear from Mr. Harold Macmillan a statesman supremely fitted, should his party gain office, to be the next Foreign Secretary, the following opinion: "I do not think the Council of Europe can survive, still less achieve its purpose, without full British participation. Yet if it perishes, the last hope of peace perishes with it."

Fresh evidence has been forthcoming that the Conservative leaders are not going to rest for one minute from the persistent prodding which has been necessary to get Mr. Bevin huffing and puffing his lumbering way towards a coherent and constructive policy.

The Foreign Secretary was shaken from his usual complacency by the critical survey to which Mr. Churchill subjected his long stewardship. His jaws chomped away in rhythmic movement, but there was about this gesture no cowlike contentment. The sour end of criticism provided him with some very disagreeable chewing.

Vigorous Attack

Mr. Bevin's opening speech had contained little new information, and its manner of delivery was dreary enough to diminish the already scant attendance in the Chamber.

Outside the Commons people may wonder if the Foreign Secretary will be able to finish his full term of office. If he is, they are usually more concerned as to whether he will be able to finish his sentence. Where there is so little continuity of thought, there can scarcely be much consistency of policy.

Of the latest developments in the Allies' German policy, under discussion by Dr. Adenauer and the three commissioners, there was no revelation, unless it was the confirmation of the lack of preparation for exploiting this hopeful turn in European affairs.

Mr. Churchill's vigorous attack on the Government's dilatoriness

and lack of foresight was in sharp contrast to Mr. Bevin's interminable review. The style was to the Foreign Secretary's ac Chatham's — to a Chatham House catalogue of conferences.

The only weak spots in his brilliantly deployed arguments were where he carelessly implied that the dismantling policy was a British rather than an Allied responsibility, and where he certainly rather over-emphasised the bad effect of withdrawing our token force from Greece, where this move has been accepted with general understanding and without resentment.

Weakens The Cause

Mr. Churchill rightly deplored the unfortunate effect of Britain's support for Czechoslovakia on the Security Council and got no satisfactory answer on this point from Mr. Mayhew, who had been more occupied brushing up his Halliburton Debating Society manner than in studying the important issues upon which his department was being questioned.

The so-called "gentlemen's agreements" at UN date buck in many cases to the ugly horse-trading deals to which Mr. Attlee and Mr. Eden were party at San Francisco, but there is no possible point in respecting them now.

The continuation of this sort of Foreign Office appenement wins no reciprocal advantages, and weakens the cause of all who are trying to throw off Muscovite domination.

For a Government spokesman on such occasions to accuse more experienced statesmen on the Opposition side of "hypocrisy" proves nothing except that Government's own tendency both to hypocrisy and to appeasement.

Mr. Mayhew, it appears, does not deserve more serious respect as a Minister than his recent American outburst has already earned him. While young Mr. Hector McNeil has proved a fine Minister of State, younger Mr. Mayhew seems to be a feeble and vacuous juvenile. Under Secretary of the real "problem" of Europe, and of the debate, was summed up by a Labour M.P. Mr. Crawley in the one word "Germany." Mr. Crawley is better known perhaps as the Old Harrovian husband of American gossip-writer Miss Virginia Cowles, whose impressionistic sketch of post-war Britain will be discussed in this space next week.

The theme of his long speech, which was valuable in many ways, was the incontrovertible proposition that "unless we throw our weight into Western Europe in a far clearer way than

we have done so far, then there is no doubt whatever that the Germans within five years will be the dominant power in Western Europe."

The Russian Menace

Mr. Crawley, along with Mr. Crossman and Mr. Lee of Manchester, are among the very few Socialists who seem to have grasped this, and who are rightly urging that we do everything possible to back up the French in ensuring that Germany's more rapid reintegration into Western Europe is accompanied by proper security safeguards.

It is a pity that Mr. Crawley's reliability as a witness should have to be thrown into occasional doubt by such rash and preposterous statements as his reference to Lord Beaverbrook as Mr. Churchill's "closest associate."

But, it is welcome to find that he is not alone in his party in repudiating what must now be called the Wavell-Zilliacus line that it is Germany and not Russia that constitutes the greatest threat to peace today.

The gravity of the never-wakening Russian menace was stressed in many weighty speeches, notably in those of Lord John Hope, Mr. Fitzroy Maclean, Mr. Mott-Radcliffe, and Mr. Merton.

The need for relentless toughness in resisting Russian encroachment and for exploiting to the maximum the rifts which are appearing in Communist ranks, Titoist as well as Stalinist, is greater than ever, and any tendency to complacency or weak-kneed appeasement on the part of Western Governments must continue to be challenged by enlightened members of all political parties.

Pound y Dollar

Sir Stafford Cripps gave a Press conference in which he attempted to dismiss the seriousness of the very low quotations now being obtained for the pound sterling in many parts of the world.

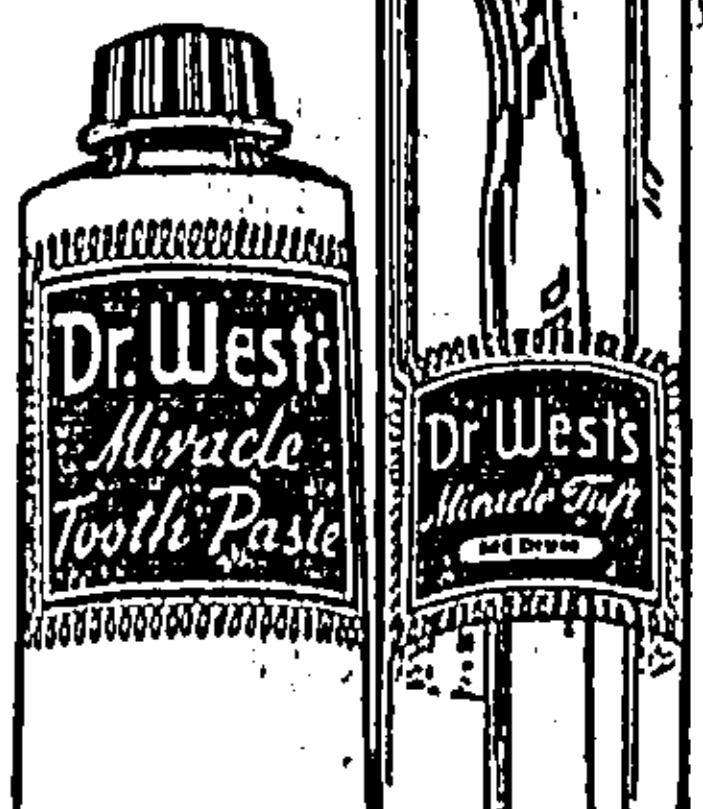
He will be encouraged to see the latest subscription rates of the Socialist New Statesman and Nation, which is still soliciting renders abroad on the basis of 5s or \$1, thus quoting the pound at the staunchly reactionary rate of \$4.03, or will he rather be vexed to detect such a deliberate disincentive to increased dollar sales of this cultural export?

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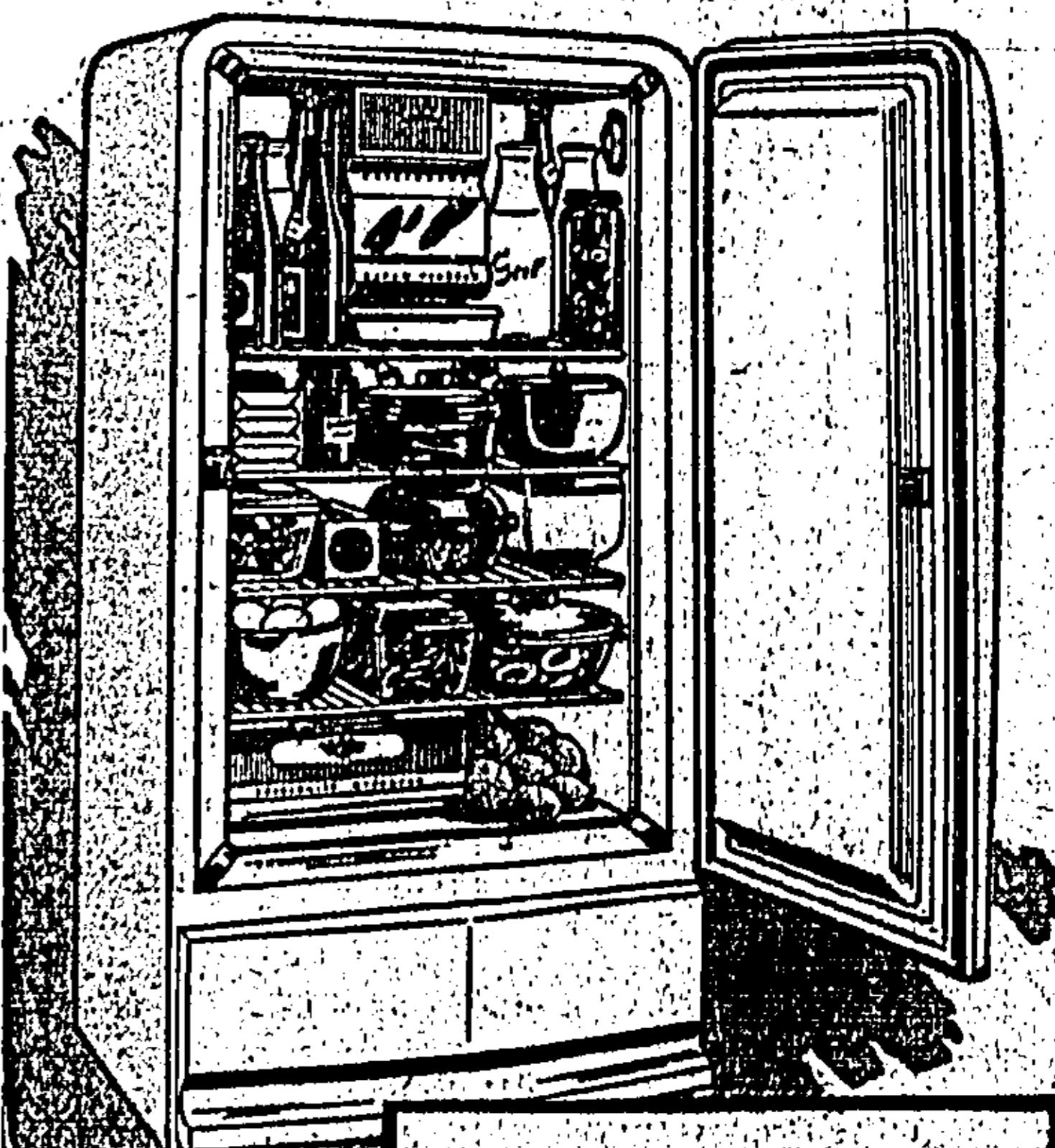
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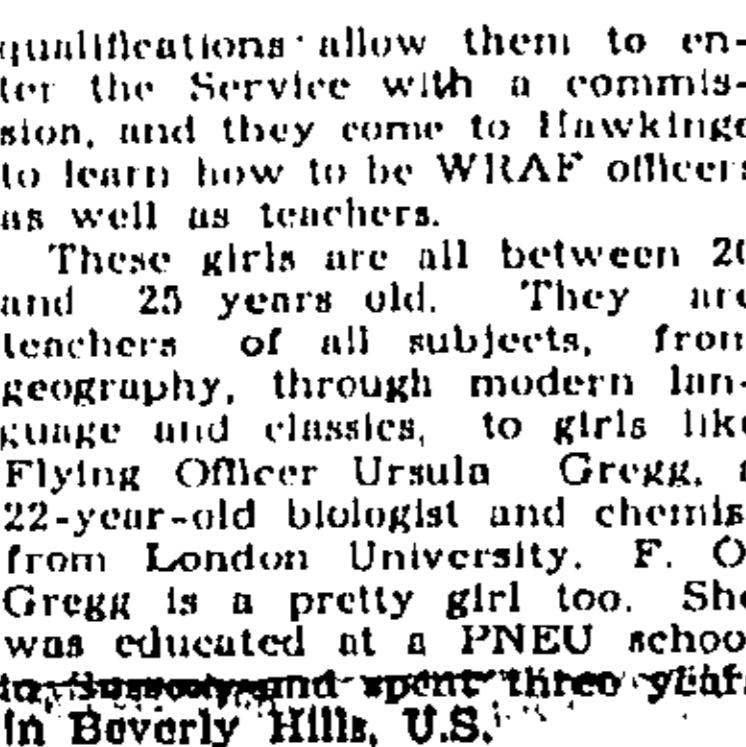
by IRIS ASHLEY

My but it's catching. If I see a girl with nice clothes but untidy hair, I mutter to myself, "A swept-up job." The dark blue Service has become a "Naval Type," and asking the identity of a brass hat across the room I heard myself saying, "Who is the brown job?"

The reason for all this is that I have been visiting the RAF station at Hawkinge, near Folkestone, which is a training depot for the WRAF as well as a mixed station (though the men in the case are outnumbered there are two officers and 80 men on the regular staff).

The Commanding Officer of this station holds a rank equal to that of a full Army colonel, and with the same absolute power over all personnel, even of detention if need be.

With this information in mind I found the CO an intriguing character. Group Officer Dunn is a tall, slender, fair-haired young woman in the very early thirties. Her voice is quiet, and so are her hands; she never fidgets. Here is no pale shadow of a man, but a woman with brains and natural authority very 1949.



What do they actually DO? Well, aside from the obvious domestic jobs, there are various trades in which they can train. Some of these are: Electricians, Radio mechanics, wireless fitters, photographers, masseuses, nurses, transport mechanics, drivers, hairdressers, interpreters, all kinds of clerks—and "musician" is also listed as a trade.

Asked why she joined the WRAF she said she liked to travel, she also like companionship of her own age, neither of which advantages seemed available to a civilian teacher.

All the "educated ladies" gave this answer. They didn't say much about the security or pay, though another pretty girl, F.O. Adcock, said she found the pay better than civilian life because kitchen bills cost less than living in digs. I said, what about marriage? They laughed and said they were too busy on the course just now.

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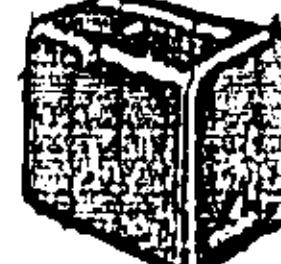
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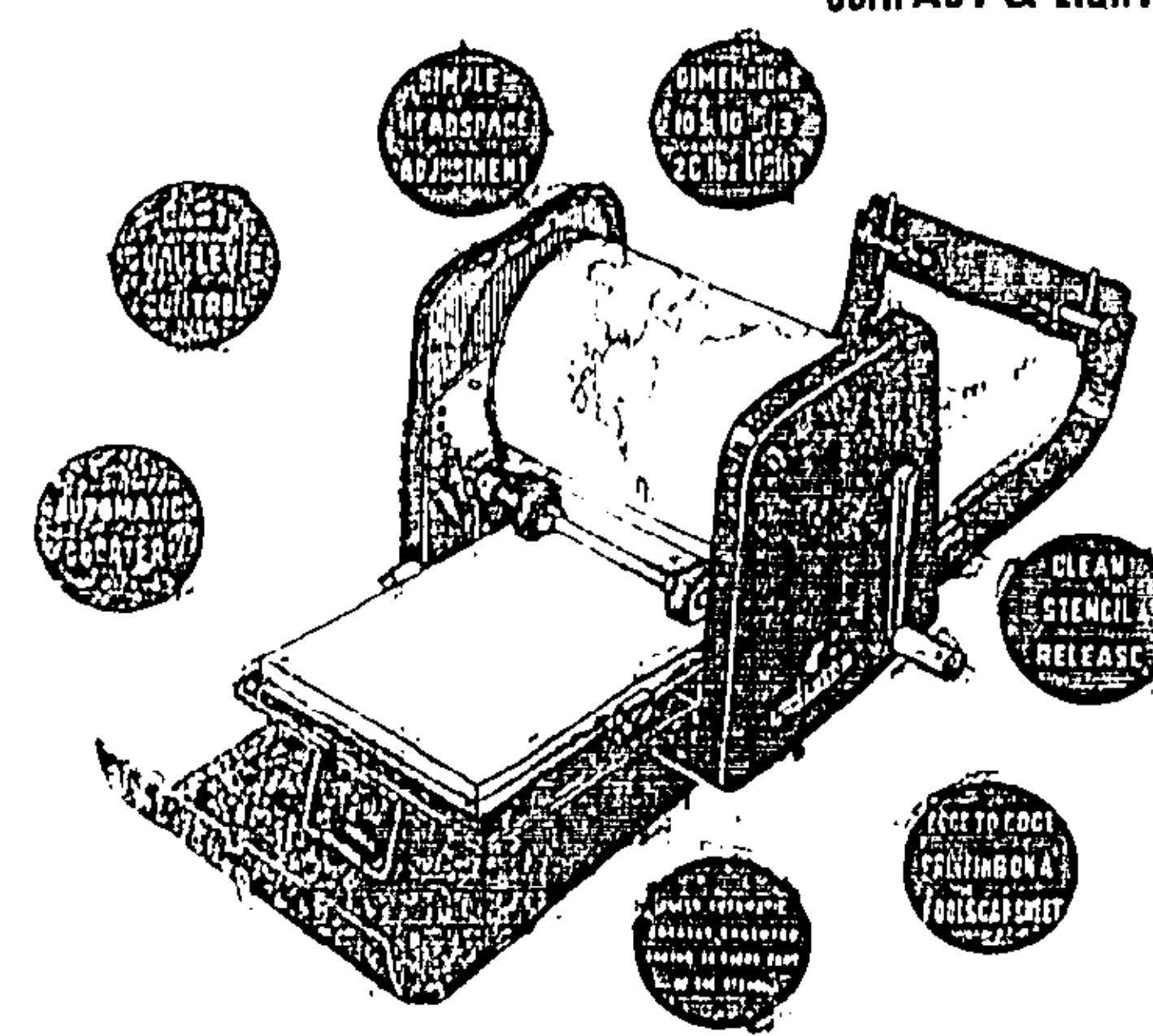
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AUSTRALIAN LETTER

The Roman Catholics

In nearly a month of laying the car to the ground, election scouts are at it to determine what advances, if any, are being made by either the Government or Opposition candidates.

Although the Government's eagerness about socialist rovers that it has won the writing on the wall, the Prime Minister strongly refrains from putting a policy forward, the white striking an attitude as a chosen leader well satisfied with his record.

The earned speech with which he opened his campaign, made no appeal to the voter, the one thing in which electors are interested, whatever their politics. There was a good deal of preening about a straight honest undertaking to do the best for Australia without making any alluring promises, and then a dreary sketching of Labour's record since it took office, with emphasis on improvements in social service.

The major issue of socialism versus free enterprise was left stepped, and Communism, banking and petrol were quietly brushed aside in the briefest and laziest exposition of Government policy ever tossed to the people.

If the Prime Minister succeeds in selling the electorate the idea that he is responsible for full employment, they are likely to find themselves even more fully extended in the future. In an effort to hold prices and income level because high export prices—and only high export prices—are the basic reason for our shaky prosperity.

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Unusual School

What must be Australia's most unusual school has been founded by a returned alumnus, Captain P. G. Taylor, head of the Southern Cross, a school over the Tasman and who flew the Pacific with the late Sir Charles Kingsford Smith in a single engine monoplane.

Returning from service on the North Atlantic air route with two little daughters at school age, the pioneer of air routes, Taylor, had

the refusal of permission for his wife to bring him into the dailies over the status of the Roman Catholics in the Commonwealth. After a year, secularism won the day, but the school has no plan for the future, if any, and has no chance of being helped directly on its opening if the Roman Catholics

have a university in a country that has a population of 80 million Protestants, then since it is a free country, there seems no good reason why the Government should withhold a State Charter.

After a tiresome airing of prejudices and ignorance, the subject was moved to give publicity to a Church of England minister who got Synod to agree to ban dancing from church functions because it was a sin. It was first step to sexual immorality, with further paintings of the bone of Sodom, Cain and Abel as incentives to drink and gambling.

The Journalists' Guild, which has made a name for itself in the fight against the Church, with particular influence on public opinion.

Before this issue was sold, the lock became as divided as Synod itself over an ordinance forbidding the wearing of certain vestments during the celebration of Holy Communion. In this article, the first division, Synod has had for 10 years, and only the second in the 83 years of its existence.

Judgment Against Pigeons

It is a queer anomaly that all the ugly sounds which secularism and political jockeying bring forth from humans go free, while a court judgment is given against pigeons that build and coo in their lots as is the wont of pigeons.

The verdict against the birds as noisy neighbors has brought a yell from 1,000 mad pigeons enthusiasts who are the early morning whistlers, barking, and crowing in flight training flight. There is a lot of money invested in this feathered hobby and the fanciers take themselves seriously as providers of a national emergency service.

On an average they fly about 1,000 birds a year to the army, and during the war the pigeons proved their worth by doing a fine messenger job.

Now that judgment has been pronounced against the dawn noise of swooping birds it only requires a few testy neighbors to wipe out the hobby, because most of the breeders are city workers who rise at the crack of dawn to drill their birds.

Australian naturalist Charles Barrett has compiled what customs, amusements, and achievements at his daily life and his religious beliefs.

In the booklet, Mr. Barrett solves no mysteries of the aborigines, saying frankly that while trained scientists have devoted years to the study of the aborigines, he has been left in the middle. He is a Dutch paper which advises the new Indonesian State to listen to advice from Australians with talk a bit about democracy, but whose democracy is blackmail by union, threatening to the community.

The article, which Dr. Everett wrote for the Commonwealth, and using the Australian word slangs, and language unknown to undermine Dutch interests in Indonesia, and Dutch trade and shipping in the Pacific.

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They Bluffed The Eternal Sea

By WILLIAM POWER

To have won distinction as a seaman commanding great liners in two world wars, and also as writer, is the achievement of Captain Sir David Bone whose sea classic, "The Bismarck," has been re-published in a revised edition, and whose book on merchantmen in the second world war is about to appear.

That David Bone served his apprenticeship in oil in the 1900's can be a piece of singular good fortune. If he were otherwise there would have been little first-hand record, permanently readable, of Scotland's share in that world of sailing ships that was passing away when, in 1888, Bone signed off in the full-rigged Glasgow ship *Loch Ness* and "went into team."

That world, in my youth, was familiar to me at second-hand. My father was a shipmaster, and began his sea life as a deckhand on the apprentices' deck-house on a famous wool clipper, the Red Jacket. In the old days of hard tack and weevily biscuits, when fists and belaying-pins were

among the instruments of command and "block draught" was number one in a "time-piece" medicine chest.

My younger brother was an apprentice on the Glasgow sailing ship *Metaphysician* and shared her fate when she vanished somewhere East of Java. I had uncles, cousins, companions who sailed in wind-jammers, some of them rose to command.

I spent whole afternoons mousing about the Glasgow docks. I had bouts of go-fever, but they were for "every lands forlorn" and not for "perilous seas" or the life of a sailor. I had heard too much about that, and I was not of the stuff of which "captains courageous" are made.

Rover And Dreamer

My closest friend, who died at 24, was a born rover and dreamer. He had an uncanny faculty for rending the atmosphere of his strange experiences so that I almost fancied they had happened to myself. He had gone round the Horn to "fish as an ordinary seaman" in the Glasgow banque Evelyn.

In casual fragments, with subtle shades of accent and character-drawing, he brought alive to me the whole queer world of the old-time to'le's with its hardships, friendships, nitrads, and heroisms, wild scenes, and the incredible conversations of the old shell-backs, big dreamy children to whom "aborc" meant chiefly pubs and the crimping boarding-houses where sailors were doped and robbed. The slaves of the cotton plantations in old Dixie were not more thoroughly cheated of life than the great fellows who "bluffed the eternal sea."

As the great story of merchantmen in the world wars shows, the intrinsic qualities of seamen had certainly not suffered by the passing of sail. Human heroism reached its summit in the Murmansk convoys.

Yet something was bound to have been lost when machinery took the place of sail and cordage and human hands. Much of the poetry of seafaring had gone. It must have been the unconscious sense of that poetry that, in my young days made boys, mostly "wild ones," forsake dull urban comfort and "run away to sea."

Edward Galtone has beautifully described the passion of a Glasgow boy for the noble sailing ship *La France*: Once I saw her at sea, in full sail. It was a grander sight than Mont Blanc at sunrise or the front of York Minster in moonlight. It was like Faustus's vision of Helen of Troy.

Pictures may render the majestic spread of white wings, but not the proudly gentle yielding of her shapely, shivering hull to the waves. Even in her motion there was rest.



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Private Lives No. 10 - Robert Montgomery

BOB IS NO ORDINARY HERO

By NORMAN PRICE

It may startle the fans of Robert Montgomery to be told, he has a brain. He conceals this dubious asset skillfully behind the mischievous blue of wide boyish eyes.

His reward for such deception is a huge income and zealous adoration of half a million women who write for his signed photograph.

But the real Montgomery is not the man they see in films. Listen to him at lunch, watch him work. There is a family resemblance to that magnified face which smiles handsomely from the screen. But nothing more. The real man has a brain like Eric, a set of moral scruples shiny keen as surgical instruments.

When Britain declared war on Germany in 1939 Robert Montgomery abandoned a lush career in Hollywood immediately, though his family had been Americans since 1758.

While many Americans patted each other's shoulders, declaring this time they would not be lured into fighting Europe's battles, the Montgomery shoulders were differently employed.

Sank Two Jap Submarines

Upon them were falling the Christmas snowflakes of 1939 in the battlefields of France, where he drove an ambulance for England.

Asked why, his answer was:

"Because it's a question of what you can do or do best." When Paris fell he quitted to get his passport franked so he could sail to join the U.S. Navy.

Only a few Hollywood heroes fought in that war, even after the United States officially entered it. Montgomery was not only one of them — he was the first of them.

Within five years he wore a bronze star for Normandy gallantry as a naval destroyer commander. His Pacific ribbons were knobbed with combat stars and spearheads. His destroyer gun had barked death to two Jap submersibles.

I watched him one hot day in London, interviewing actors for character roles. To each he rose amably from his seat, shook hands, apologized for bringing them down to Teddington.

"Awfully nice of you to come," he said. "Sorry to bring you down here, but I am so new to things here — find it hard to see people!" He listened, head cocked slightly, with encouraging smile to details of former film employment.

Today, although films are his business again, he is still fighting. One of his best friends is James Cagney. They are each other. Montgomery founded the Screen Actors Guild of 20,000 members 10 years ago, resisted attempts of American gangsters to take command of the union with bombs, knives.

Once he rushed at the moguls of Metro-Goldwyn, brandishing his trade union principles like a crusader's axe. Now he owns his own film-production company, chooses his own films, seeks out his own supporting cast.

Montgomery's wife, ex-actress Elizabeth Allen, still sends them food, and sweet parcels. She carries her own shopping basket among the village shops at Towners, in New York State, where they have a two-storey farmhouse and two teenage children.

Their other mansion, at fashionable Bel-Air, in California, was made like this: Montgomery had a scale-model built. Every top, every door-knob, even the shrubs in the garden, The cost — about £200. "It's cheaper to make alterations on a model," he explained. It was. His architect decided the model saved about \$5,000 dollars on construction costs.

Bob is a good guest. At a recent dinner his hostess apologized saying: "I am sorry there is nothing but fish — only sole."

Montgomery's face lit up. "Why — sole — it's a luxury, on our sea-coast," he beamed.

He has a way of making his friends feel important. For instance, I am pledged to promote him — constant supply of potted Lancashire coast shrimps while he is in Britain.

But all his social graces do not contrive to give him complete ease in company. Sometimes he stutters a little. Parties portur. He worries privately about whether or not he did the right thing.

On the mantelshelf of his Claridge's suite is a printed card:

"Mr. Montgomery regrets exceeding his deplorable conduct while a guest at your ... last ... evening, and humbly craves your pardon for the breach of etiquette ticked in the adjoining column. (here follows a list from: 'Riding to hounds in the bathroom, dismissing hostess's servants, protracted absence from party, ... inausa...')."

His lips pursed, with thoughtful gold pencil, he scratches out a line from a story.

Took Job As A Labourer

Then, as each applicant departed, he turned, wiped nervous moisture from his fingers. "I hate this," he murmured. "I know what they go through at these interviews."

His crew were growing morose, quick-tempered. They had spent nearly a year, hooped by a tiny warship's hot steel bulkheads, on the lintels of death.

Sunbrowned, fever-shivering Commander Montgomery thought it over. One night he broke into the desultory mess talk to ask a question. "... and I don't want an answer for 48 hours," he said.

His officers and crew pricked up their ears. He had the respect of these men. "What's the question, sir?" they asked.

Commander Montgomery reached for a malaria pill. "I want to know," he said, "who is the enemy?"

The men exchanged puzzled glances. But the more they thought, the deeper went the question. For two days the little ship seethed.

"Who indeed WAS the enemy?" Their Commander waited, a faint glimmer of mischief in his fever-bright blue eyes.

"After two days" he recalls, "I received a deputation with their reply." The enemy, his crew

had unanimously decided, meant any nation that chose to beat down their opponents by bullets instead of votes.

From then on the crew of the U.S. destroyer Barton sorted out their own questions. They had begun to think their boy-faced skipper had shared something.

He was a good officer, Montgomery.

During the war, his home was at St. Ives, Foggis. Eleven ragged London children, evacuated to the Montgomerys' taught

the Talk Was — Politics

chiefly, however, Montgomery talked politics, using careful phrases. (This concept of a compromise is a recent salutary development in London's recent sultry days over the peace pact from Teddington.) In his Claridge's apartment, the disgruntled Bevan's national health scheme, the right to hit, gut, kick basic discussion of the dock strike, demanded to know what Englishmen really thought of bureaucracy.

He walked into the hotel lift demanding views on the infiltration of Communists into trade unions.

In his apartment it took him six minutes to shower and change. He dressed, filled his humble brown leather cigarette-case ("I smoke anything"). It bears his facsimile signature in thin gold.

Then he shut the door longingly upon the privacy of his two rooms, and went out into London to the waiting party. ("I hope this is not too much to drink — two cocktails are the brink of ruin to me!") His wife had flown to Paris, unable to resist the shops. Husband, Montgomery was like a small without its shell in her absence...

On the pavement a well-dressed woman touched his coat lapel. "Good luck, Bob Montgomery!"

He bowed slightly, smiled politely. "Thank you, madame!" Then he continued his talk (still political).

His other two sojourns in the film people think he is eccentric. Quiet suits of best English cloth, New York tailored. Simple ties of unemotional grey or brown plaid, and white poplin shirts, U.S. price 15s.

Mr. Montgomery is himself the precise reversal of his suits...

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In his next "Private Lives" article, Norman Price meets Marlene Dietrich.

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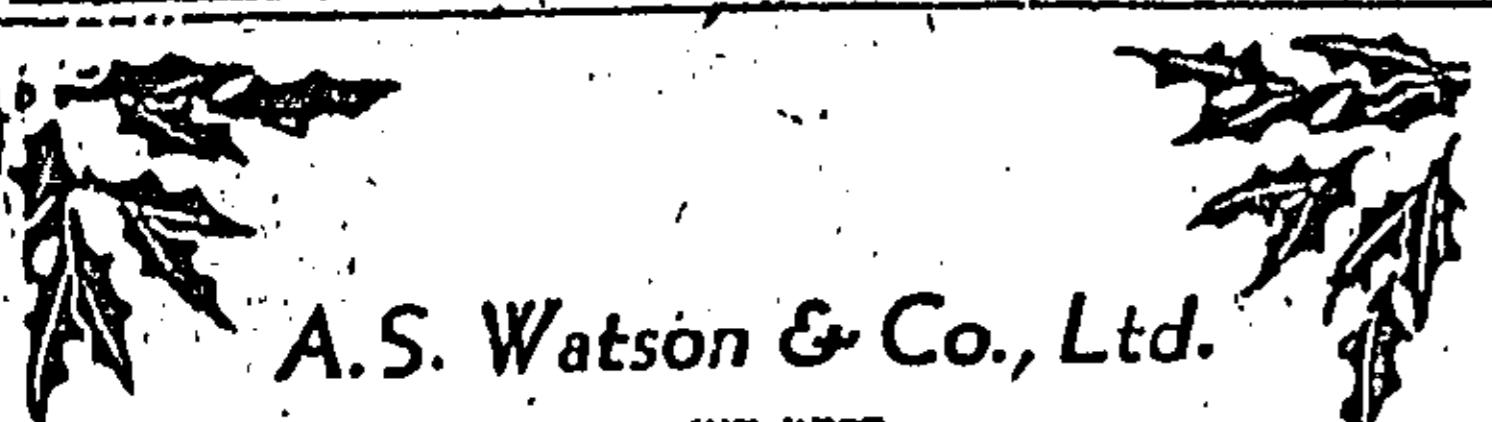
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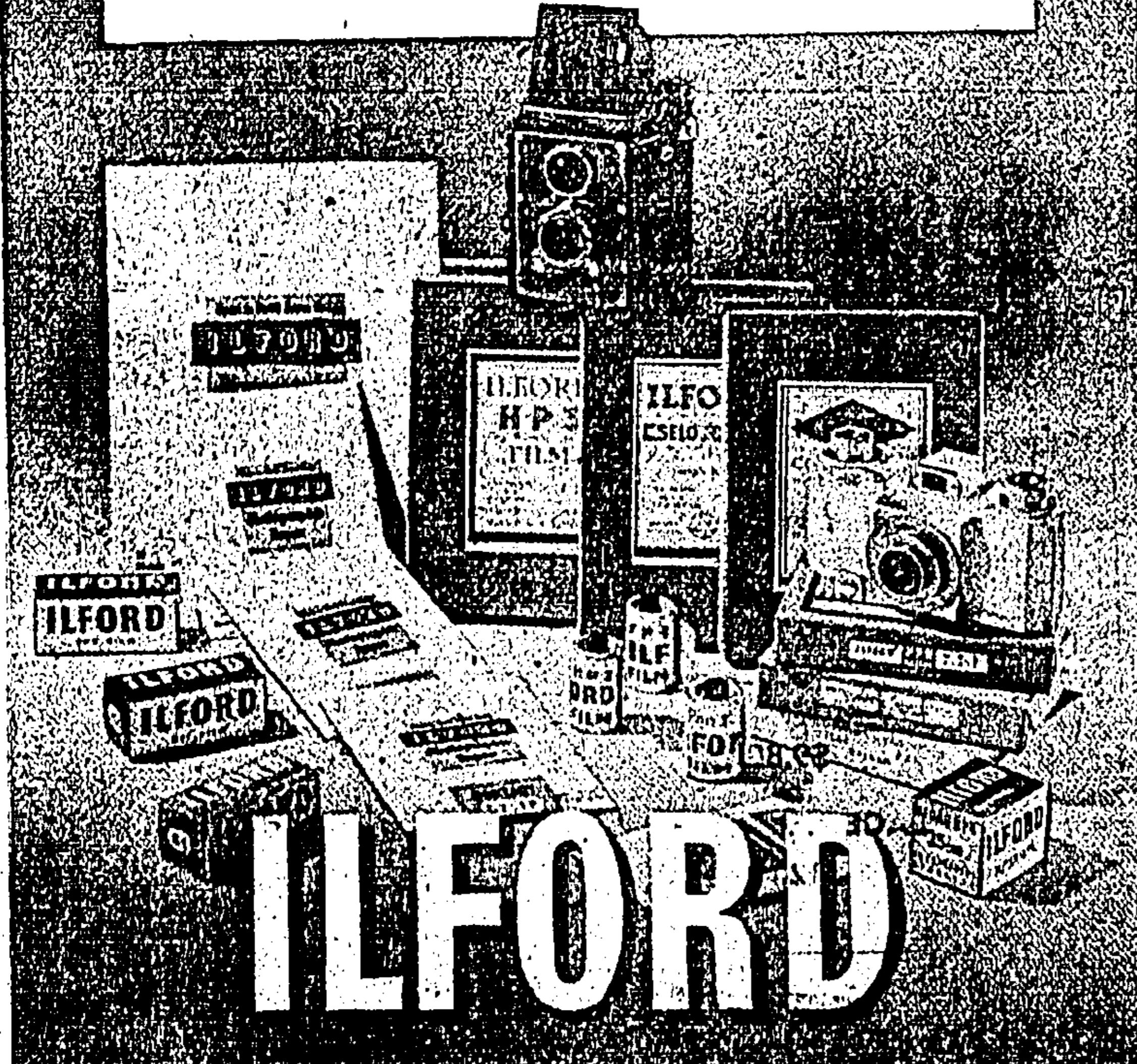
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PYJAMA GIRL'S DISAPPEARANCE FROM LINER

London, December 3. The British government tried today to unravel the mystery of a pretty pyjama-clad girl who vanished from a luxury liner at sea. The girl, Miss Gwenda McCallum, an Australian, disappeared from the Orient liner Orcades on the night of October 30 while it steamed through the Tasman Sea from Sydney to Melbourne on the way to London.

MR. EDEN ATTACKS LABOUR

Bristol, December 2. Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Conservative Party, today described the devaluation of sterling as a major economic defeat for Britain.

He warned that devaluation would inevitably mean reduced standards of living for everybody in Britain, and growing unemployment.

He told a meeting at the Central Hall here that the Labour Government is incapable of solving Britain's problems.

Mr. Eden defended the British press against growing criticism by Labour Government leaders.

"Is it not conceivable that it is they (the Government) who are in the wrong and not the newspapers that criticise them?"

United Press.

THAI MISSION TO BURMA

Bangkok, December 3. A Thai goodwill mission

to leave on December 9. The mission is headed by the Foreign Minister, Phot Sarasin, and includes the deputy Minister of the Interior, three high Army officers, members of the Thai Foreign Office and seven members of the House of Representatives.

United Press.

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They are Salvador Lopez, alternate delegate of General Romulo in the United Nations Assembly, and Lucas Madlumb, Foreign Office counsellor on political and economic affairs.

The deputation of two was requested by India. The officials are to be in New Delhi next month.

A referendum will be held in the French-Indian settlements of Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanan to determine whether they are to remain part of the French Union or should accede to India.

United Press.

SPANISH AS A UN LANGUAGE

Washington, December 2. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation voted today, subject to approval at a later plenary session, to include Spanish as a working language when the organisation is established at its permanent headquarters in Rome.

The language resolution adding Spanish to the other two working languages—English and French—was approved in committee. The approval of a plenary session will be required before the decision is binding.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR LONDON

London, December 2. Twelve London areas will have illuminated replicas of the Norwegian Christmas tree in Trafalgar square.

The London County Council has selected 12 sites where Norwegian spruce trees, generously illuminated with fairy lights can be set up over Christmas. The illuminations will begin in the week before Christmas and the tree will remain lit for two weeks.—Reuter.

Expelled MP
To Oppose
Mr. Attlee

London, December 2. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is likely to be opposed in his Walthamstow, Essex, constituency at the general election next year by Mr. Lester Hutchinson, one of a group of Labour Members of Parliament recently expelled by the Labour Party.

Mr. Hutchinson has provisionally accepted an invitation by a group of Walthamstow political interests to contest the Prime Minister's seat as a Labour Independent candidate.

He told Reuter tonight that the invitation had come from people who had left the Labour Party in disgust at its policy. They included trade unionists.

A meeting to make his candidature official would be held this month, and he would then explain fully why he is standing against Mr. Attlee.—Reuter.

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POLITICAL STALEMATE
MAY RESULT AFTER
THE NEXT ELECTIONS

London, December 3. Political quarters in Britain believe that the next Government, whatever its political colour, may have a much shorter life than the present Labour Administration, now over four years old.

In all-party circles today, there is a growing fear that the forthcoming General Election, whenever it is held, may produce a political stalemate which would result in a further dissolution within some 18 months of the new Government taking office.

The major issue of the election, due any time between now and next July, when the Government's present mandate expires, is fairly clear-cut.

The electorate has to decide whether the Socialists or the Conservatives are best fitted to extricate Britain from her present economic difficulties.

It is, however, recognised that some last-minute political bogey, such as has produced a landslide in the past, may again influence the swing to left or right.

But political quarters feel that such considerations as the Government's record of achievement, or "Next five year plans" from either Socialists or Conservatives, are likely to weigh more now than they would in normal circumstances.

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COLONIAL
COMMITTEE
TO STAY

Flushing Meadow, December 2.

Despite strong opposition by administering Powers, including Britain, the United Nations General Assembly today decided that its Special Committee, which examines information from non-self-governing territories, should continue to exist for another three years.

The Assembly also decided by 30 votes to 12, with 10 abstentions, including the United States, that the Special Committee has the right to express its opinion on action taken by the administering Powers who decide that territories are no longer self-governing and stop submitting data.

It also decided that administering Powers must submit information each year on the status of human rights, geography and history. Hitherto, this had been optional.

The Assembly hoped that information on political progress would be included in the annual reports.

It invited administering Powers to give equal educational opportunities without discrimination between Europeans and natives.

Countries voting against giving the Committee wider powers were Britain, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Turkey and South Africa.

Mr. Rao (India) declared, "We must infuse greater vitality into the provisions of the Charter so that millions of people, today outside the direct supervision of the United Nations, may receive the full self-government in the shortest possible period and qualify themselves for direct membership."

These are the legitimate functions of the General Assembly which we cannot afford to surrender."

India believed that the Special Committee should be a permanent body, "in fact, a subsidiary of the United Nations". Mr. Rao added, "but we yielded, in a spirit of compromise and agreed to accept the United Nations' proposal for a three-year term."—Reuter.

memories of the two previous Socialist administrations of 1924 and 1929-31, which maintained unity and short-lived office with Liberal support.

It is possible that the Liberals, whose present strength in the House of Commons is 12, might again find themselves holding the balance of power.

They will certainly not have enough candidates in the field to give them any real chance of becoming the Government, although they are hopeful of increasing their Parliamentary strength.

Other political quarters rate the Liberal prospects as poor and there is little real expectation that history will repeat itself in a Parliament with a Labour majority. Government dependent for its existence on Liberal support.

Speculation on the possibility of a "National Government" comprising Labour, Conservatives and Liberals is discounted in most well-informed political circles where it is believed that the Labour Party would not again take office without their own majority.—Reuter.

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CHOA, To Kathleen, wife of
Robert Choa, at St. Paul's
Hospital on December 3rd, a
son. Both well.

"FROM BULLET TO BALLOT"

Those were the words with
which President Sockarno
described the process now going
on in Indonesia, and a
great deal depends on how
thoroughly and completely it
is accomplished. Before this
new State in being lie two
models, the pattern of India
and the pattern of Burma.
One illustrates positively, the
other negatively, the two
major tendencies which have
to be reconciled in our time.
They are, the passion of the
peoples of Asia to be free, and
the pressure of all kinds of
forces for a closer integration
of the modern world. They
were reconciled in India
Pakistan and Ceylon. These
now run their own affairs, but
remain within the Commonwealth.
Burma alone stands out, and her plight is not a
happy one. It might be un-
happier still but for the way
in which members of the
Commonwealth are ready to
help her.

The agreement on the
future of Indonesia, different
as it may be in detail, also
reconciles the two principles of
freedom and re-integration.
The proposed Union of the
Netherlands and the new
United States of Indonesia
will maintain the oldest political
link that still exists between the East and the West.

Whether this link will
endure will depend on events
in Indonesia itself. The native
Sultans alone remain of the heri-
tage from the dim past. Indonesia
is a wholly new field for the
practice of democracy. Nobody
will venture a confident prediction as to how the
people will respond to their
new and vast responsibilities.
But one small item in a recent
cable, telling of the improved
situation in Java, was most
promising. It said that planters
in the troubled area of
Sukabumi maintained close
relations with the Republican
Army and co-operation all
round was excellent. That is
a change indeed.

The Federal solution does
offer a fairly solid guarantee
against any such dissolution
of State authority as occurred
in China during the heyday
of the Tuchuns, when the
Central Government was
merely an empty title and the
provincial satraps, rising often
from simple banditry, acted
more or less as they pleased.
The disorders of the past three
years indicated such possibilities.
The young people are
excitable and impulsive—the
extreme Muslims are fanatical
and violent. But if the new
Indonesian Government is
ever seriously challenged,
that challenge will come from
the Communists and those
who think and act like them.

The Indonesians have not
got all they wanted, but they
have all the essentials of free-
dom and independence. Their
country is truly theirs to do
with what they will. Dutch
experience and technical skill
will be available, but the
Indonesians will be the judge
of how much of this help they
need. But that has never de-
terred the Communists, who
have repeatedly tried to sabo-
tage the national movement of
liberation.

Happily, the present Indonesian
Government, led by
President Sockarno and Dr.
Hatta, has great prestige. It
has put up a long and deter-
mined fight for the cause it
make or mar.

NEW GERMAN MENACE

The Germans, in their own
words, have won 90 per cent
of what they wanted. That is
a lot. It is too much for a
Germany which is mainly un-
regenerate, as we all know.

The new agreement with the
West German Government has
been received with great satisfaction
in London—at least, that is
the official hand-out.

I do not share the enthusiasm,
and will say exactly why. I believe
that many will share my
views.

There is no inherent harm in
conciliation—even in apposse-
ment. There may be Christian
virtues. All depends on whom
you appeal, and to what extent,
and whether you get an adequate
return.

In previous appearances we
got scraps of paper. We are get-
ting only promises today.

Wait And See Now

Will they hold? We must
wait and see. The die is cast,
but the record can inspire no
confidence.

Some of the promises ring hollow.
No one can expect us to
believe that Germany does not
want an army. Has a miracle
occurred in her young men? Of
course not. The traces of
nationalism and militarism
abound among them. Dr. Adenauer
seems to indulge in
wishful thinking.

We are to trust the Germans
themselves to dismantle and de-
Nazify. There are advantages in
ridling ourselves of these dis-
tasteful and essential tasks; but
can the Germans be trusted to
carry them out fully?

Our present form the answer is
in the negative. We must not
get into the attitude of "crap-
hanging"; neither must we
deceive ourselves.

The truth is that policy toward
Germany has lately been made
in Germany rather than in the
Foreign Office, State Department,
or Quai d'Orsay. I prefer it to be
made in the home.

The Allies have given way to
pressure. The question is: How
far have they gone? A long way.

That why is only bad in parts:

some of it, indeed, is good, and
much of it is inevitable. Unfor-
tunately, the bad parts may be
the most important.

Time cannot stand still, and
progressive concessions to Ger-
many were not only indicated but
advisable. We have, however,
gone too fast from the start—ex-
cept in dismantling—latterly
under impulse from Washington.

Must Chance It

Germany is already in the
Organization for European Economic
Co-operation, and is entering
the Council of Europe. In the

latter capacity she will have, if
she is disposed, opportunities for
macho-making in a still much
divided Western Europe. We
must chance that now.

Germany is to participate "in
all international organisations

The Government admitted Ger-
man participation as to 50 per
cent. The real figure is nearer
75 per cent, and the Germans
claim 100 per cent. Take heed;
all readers of this folly! Do not
stand alone.

Worse still, the Germans, by
Article 8 of this agreement, re-
tain their synthetic oil and rubber
plants. The one thing on which
we were all agreed during the
war was that, in the interest of
society, these industries must
not be re-established. Though
they may begin by making only
soap, how long would that last?

What I said before I say still:

but the Allied Governments have
eaten their words—a most expen-
sive and indigestible dish.

By LORD VANSITTART

through which German experi-
ence and support can contribute to
the general welfare." That is
saying a lot.

Though the new agreement in-
creases a pace already precipitate,
some of its features are positively
welcome. It is all to the good
that Germany should apply for
membership of the International
Authority of the Ruhr, and co-
operate with the Military Security
Board.

There is no objection to the
gradual re-establishment, through
accredited representatives, of consular
and commercial relations with
other countries. On the contrary,
this is proper and timely.

Times Can Show

It is praiseworthy, too, that
Germany will take legislative
action in the field of decartolization.
I trust that this will be effective.

Time alone can show.
Big Business is still strong in
Germany, and her present Gov-
ernment is not a solid one, though
I have an uneasy suspicion that
it may be the best that we shall
get.

Germany now obtains greatly
extended powers of shipbuilding.
There is no limit to the number
of small ships. She regards the
right to build ocean-going ships.

Limits are set on size and
speed; but she may acquire or
construct, before December 31, 1960,
six special ships exceeding
these limits. By how much?

This last concession is a con-
siderable departure from our
first firm intentions; but I do not
quarrel with it.

Having thus taken a reasonable
view of these clauses, I claim the
right to criticize the next with
venequence. Dismantling is to
cease on a number of plants
vastly important to any war-
potential.

The annual ceiling for German
steel-production has been fixed at
11,000,000 tons. When I look at
the disquieting list of massive
steelworks now re-erected, I do not
believe that it will stay there.

We are on a butter-slice. Let the
world have no illusions.

I select a convincing example
apart from the agreement. I pro-
tested in the House of Lords
against the British Government's
decision to readmit Germans to
control of civil aviation—the old
German training school for mili-
tary flying.

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tain their synthetic oil and rubber
plants. The one thing on which
we were all agreed during the
war was that, in the interest of
society, these industries must
not be re-established. Though
they may begin by making only
soap, how long would that last?

What I said before I say still:
but the Allied Governments have
eaten their words—a most expen-
sive and indigestible dish.

For Rearmament?

Let us at least be thankful for
what we have not received. There
is no provision for the rear-
mament of Germany. Indeed, the
nation has been loudly disclaimed
in all the Allied capitals.

But it exists. I have found it
in high and influential circles.

There were distinct traces of
a rear in Defence debate in the
House of Lords.

The notion is much stronger in
the United States, whose policy
tends steadily to strengthen both
Germany and Japan.

There is an American talk of
letting Germany have an army—
unspecified in number—without
an armament industry. There is
more of giving her a fully equipped
army of five divisions.

I am appalled that anyone
should think these illusory limita-
tions would "stick," once we had
already given way on the principle
of keeping Germany disarmed.

The remedy for panic about
Russia is not to panic about
Germany. Yet that is what has been
happening. These apprehensions
have their origin in fear of an
alleged German tendency to look
East, which neither exists nor is
possible at present.

Giving Ideas

Yes, we have gone far and
quickly. There are disturbing re-
semblances between present events
and those of the Inter-war period.

Let us hope that the optimism
of our negotiators may be
justified, but there is little in the
situation that justifies it, and the
sense of democracy in Germany
is still dim.

The Socialist leader, Dr. Schu-
macher, offensively reproached
Dr. Adenauer for his success in
lending this agreement. The
stupid aggressor was put out of
the Chamber.

Dr. Adenauer has deserved well
of his countrymen; but we, in
yielding to their clamour—as in
the past—may again have "put
ideas in their heads."

The Colombo Talks

The Colombo Conference illus-
trates the increased importance
of the Foreign Office in the inter-
day working of the Commonwealth.
In the early years of this
century the Dominions had no
Foreign Ministries of their own,
and their international relations
were conducted, with very few
exceptions, through the Colonial
Office.

There is, moreover, another
distinct side to Japanese indus-
trialism. Japan was and is a
country of extremely low wages
and very long hours; and in
virtue of these she was able to
follow the war to undersell all
other producers for the Asiatic
and African markets.

Not only Lancashire suffered
from this unwholesome competi-
tion, but Bombay and Cawnpore;
and not only textiles were in-
volved, but a steadily increasing
range of other goods. Is this
phase also to be repeated? The
beginnings of its repetition are
already there; and so far Amer-
ican opinion seems to regard them
with equanimity. Neither British
nor Indian opinion can be ex-
pected to do so.

There are, it will be seen, many
parallels between the
German and the Japanese cases.
In both there was a long tradition
of militarism which it will be
very difficult to eradicate within
any short time; in both a growing
population pressed on the
local means of subsistence, and
were supported by working for
export trades; and in both the
policy of militarist and commer-
cial expansion developed side
by side in combination and not
in opposition to one another.

In both, the size, the homoge-
nity and the fighting qualities of
the population rendered and could
still render them a peril to their
neighbours and the peace of the
world. In each case, it has been
reduced at a immense cost,
and on the face of it can be kept
up, recurring only by a firm
policy of complete disarmament
sustained continuously over a
long period of time.

There is at the moment less
temptation in Japan than in Ger-
many to make exceptions to this
policy, and so to risk whistling it
away. Yet temptations there cer-
tainly will

BRITISH VIEWS ON RECOGNITION ISSUE

STEP BASED ON FACT, NOT ON SYMPATHY

PRIMARY CONSIDERATION

Lake Success, December 2. Britain told the United Nations Political Committee today that recognition of the Communist regime in China must be based on fact and not on sympathy.

Mr. Terence Shone, the British delegate, said that Britain is opposed to the proposal of Nationalist China that all United Nations members withhold diplomatic recognition of the Communists.

China has accused the Soviet Union of aiding the Communists and has asked the United Nations General Assembly to find the Soviet Union guilty of violating the United Nations Charter and her treaty of friendship with China.

At the request of Dr. T. F. Tsing, the Chinese delegate, the Political Committee deferred any vote on the issue until next Monday.

After the recess, Dr. Tsing, who had been absent from the meeting, returned to the room and told the committee that he had been instructed by his Government to withdraw his proposal.

A spokesman for the Chinese delegation said that the Chinese delegation had been informed that the proposal had been withdrawn.

A spokesman for the United Nations delegation said that the Chinese delegation had withdrawn its proposal.

At the 59th session of the Political Committee prepared to vote on the Chinese resolution and the weaker counter measures proposed by the United States and co-sponsors which would declare a stand-off policy toward China, Dr. T. F. Tsing addressed the Chinese, Mr. Lester Pearson of Canada.

I could request postponement of the vote until Monday, Dr. Tsing said. This is a matter of the Chinese delegation from me. The Government I expect to be instructed to my Government. I hope the Committee will be willing to accommodate me to that extent.

There was no objection as Mr. Pearson adjourned the Committee until Monday morning.

Dr. Tsing's request for delay came after the Nationalists can have received unexpectedly little support.

British View

Mr. Terence Shone, winding up the general debate, said that Britain would support a five-power joint resolution calling on all States:

(1) To respect the political independence of China.

(2) To respect the right of the Chinese people to choose freely their political institutions and to maintain a Government independent of foreign control.

(3) To respect existing treaties relating to China.

(4) To refrain from seeking to acquire spheres of influence or obtain special rights or privileges in China.

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Canton-Hankow Railway To Be Restored

San Francisco, December 2. The Chinese Communist radio announced tonight that rail traffic between Canton and Hankow will be restored by the end of this year.

This will link the South China Port with the Central China Industrial and economic centre from where the Hankow-Peking Railway runs North.

The 1,200-mile Canton-Peking road is China's main North-South rail traffic artery. It suffered considerable damage as a result of the civil war.

With the resumption of Canton-Peking through-traffic, it becomes theoretically possible to travel by train from Hong Kong to Canton.

—United Press.

WAVES AS CLUE TO MURDER

London, December 2. Two doctors who have experimented with the brains of 64 murderers recommended today that a new wave-recording machine should be officially used to tell whether a murder has been committed in cold blood or hot temper.

The doctors are Dr. Fred Hayden Taylor, Medical Officer at London's bleak Brixton Gaol, and Dr. David Stafford Clark, a psychiatrist.

Their report on the experiments, published by the British Medical Association, tells how the machine picks up minute electric charges continually given off by brain tissue and records them as waves on a chart.

Of the murderers they tested, nearly all those who killed for a clean-cut motive had normal waves.

Over 70 per cent of the murderers who killed on sudden impulse with little or no motive had abnormally shaped waves.

The commonest abnormality is a special type of wave called the theta wave. Most children up to the age of four produce theta waves when annoyed. They disappear as the child learns self-control.

Adults who still have them are likely to commit crimes of violence when even slightly annoyed.

One murderer listed in the report strangled his sweetheart for no apparent reason and then told the police he was found to have abnormal waves.—Reuter.

CONFERENCE IN SE ASIA

London, December 2. The Burmese Foreign Minister, U. E. Maung, disclosed in an interview with Reuter in London tonight that a conference of South East Asian countries concerned with the defence of their democratic integrity and sovereignty is likely to be held in February.

"It is more or less generally felt," he said, "that the leadership of the conference will be given to India."

U. E. Maung was about to leave by air for Rangoon on his way back from the United Nations General Assembly at Lake Success.

The South East Asian conference, he said, will be attended by India, Pakistan, Burma, Siam, Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines.—Reuter.

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U.K. Recognition OF Peking In Next Few Weeks

London, December 2. Informed sources predicted today that British recognition of the Chinese Communist regime will be announced in two or three weeks.

They said the decision on recognition is not in any way dependent on the adjournment of the United Nations General Assembly.

Its timing was generally agreed upon in consultation with other Commonwealth members.

"It was agreed that further delay in recognition would be a pointless gesture," the informed sources said. At the same time, they said that recognition must not be taken as signifying the British Government's approval of the new régime in China.

They said, "No Commonwealth member has any illusions about the diplomatic consequences of recognition. When we have recognized the Peking Government in two or three weeks' time we do not expect any immediate changes of the Chinese Communist policy towards the British Interests in China."

The informed sources said the British Government is opposed to any suggestion that Communist domination of China means permanent loss of free contact with the Chinese people.

They said, "We must not let the people of China feel they have been abandoned by their old friends. We must keep in touch with them by every means at our disposal and diplomatic recognition would result in direct contact."

"Such contact will undoubtedly be restricted, but it would

Actor Led Plot While Playing A Convict Role

(Continued From Page 13)

my prisoner raised himself on an elbow, replied hotly: "Indeed you may not! My boots are personal and don't belong to the wardrobe!"

They began to argue. I arose thoughtfully from Lester's chest. The argument continued until I murmured quietly: "You may not really be needing THOSE convict boots for a while Mr. Lester."

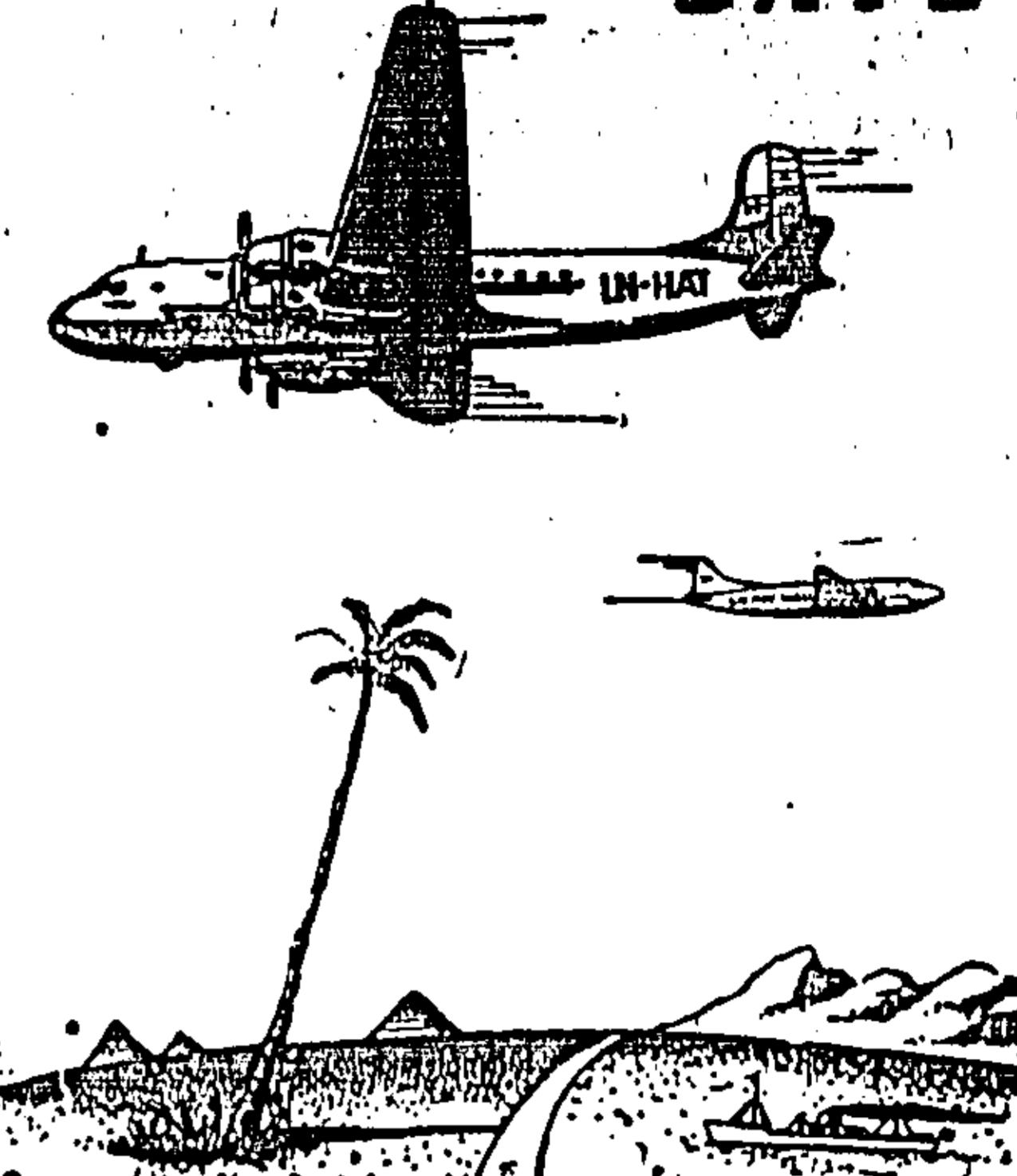
Then he remembered. His face fell. But in an instant he grinned perily. "Take the policeman's boots as well," he told the under-study. "I shall not be needing those, either!"

He was sentenced at the old Bailey to four years' penal servitude. Palmer got two years in the second Division. The name of Mr. X was not mentioned in court. He became a Member of Parliament and is today a respected business man.

Yet had it not been for a thirsty bluebottle on a hot Soho afternoon London's river might have claimed another victim—a man at the end of his tether.

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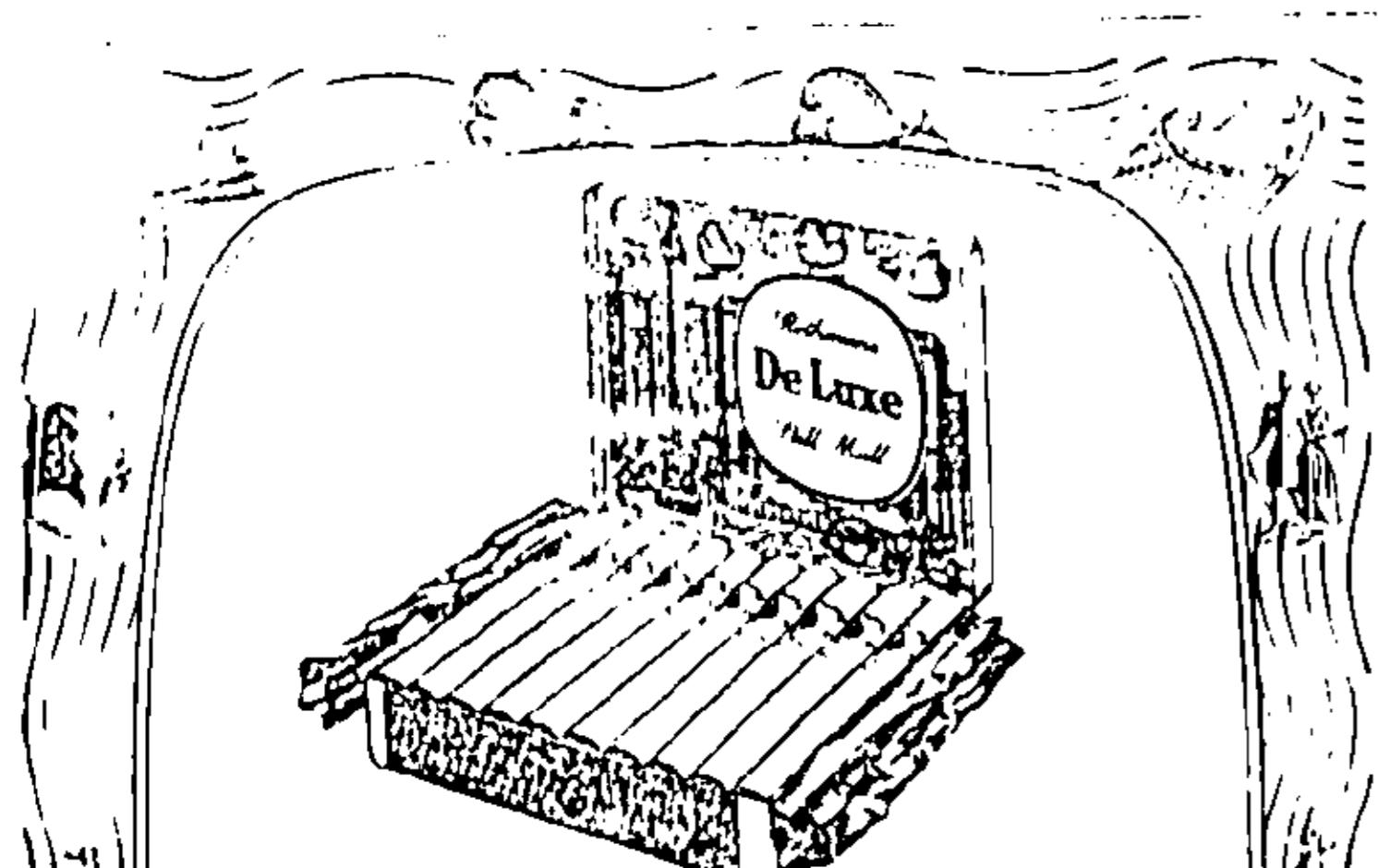
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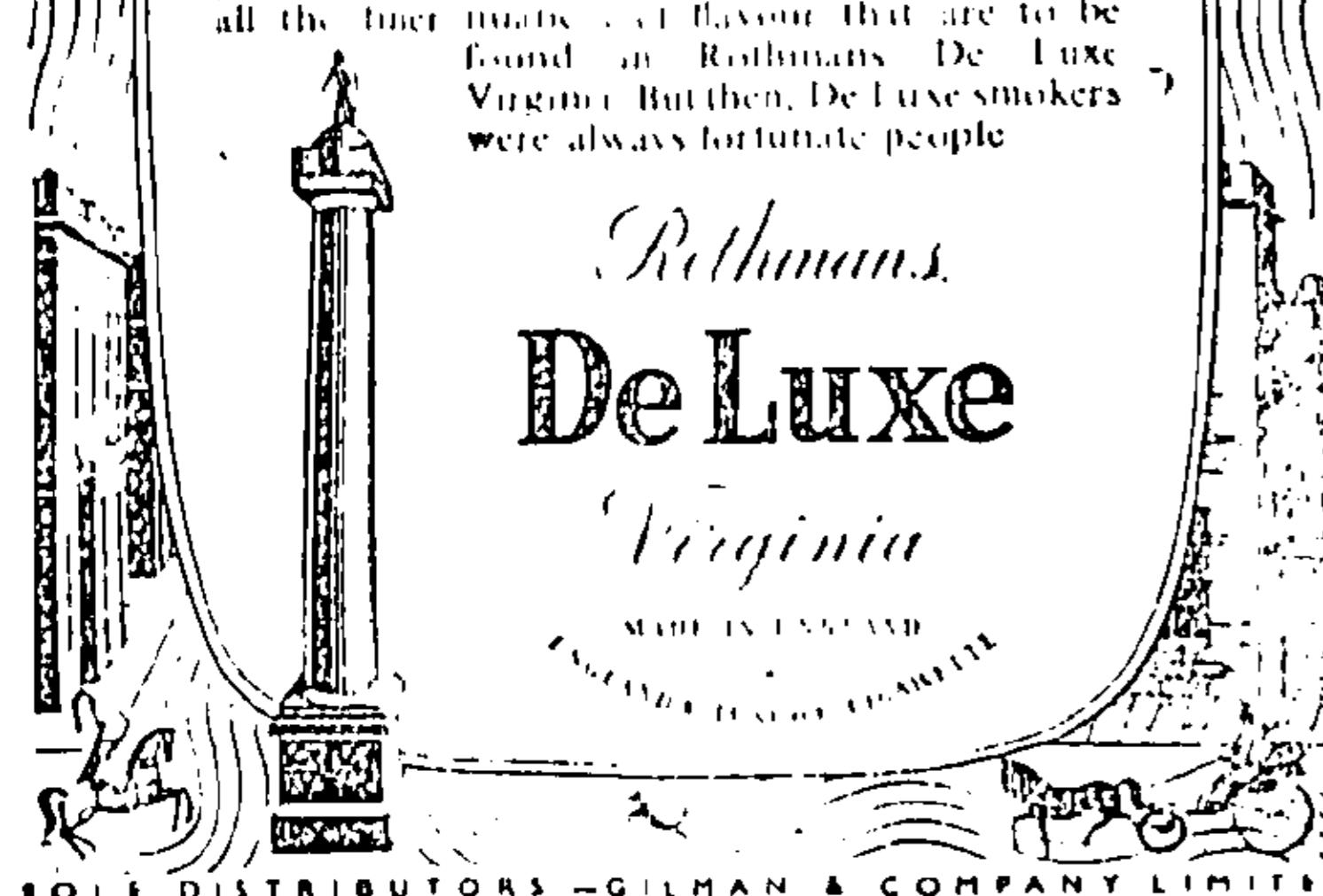
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That Election Date

Thursday, February 23, is now mentioned as the most likely date for the general election. I find a general disposition in the lobby of the House of Commons to accept this date. The forecast is based partly on the assumption that Saturday's poll has been ruled out because of the surge of football interest which may be expected in February. Hitherto the speculation has related to both February 23, and March 2.

One definite circumstance which seems to rule out the latter date is the arrangement for the State visit to London of President Auriol of France, and Madame Auriol in the week preceding March 6. Such a visit could only be staged if the Government which results from the election has already settled itself in office. The President and his wife will be the guests of the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace and there will be a State banquet and ball.

First Since 1939

This is the first visit by a French President since March 1939, when President and Madame Lebrun stayed at Buckingham Palace following the visit of the King and Queen to Paris as their guests the previous year.

When President Vincent Auriol comes to Britain, he will bring with him an invitation for the King and Queen to visit France, offered French sources here say.

The President is unlikely to suggest a specific time, but will probably suggest that the Majesties find it convenient to meet Madame Auriol who will be happy to receive them hopefully later in the year.

I gather that a Royal visit to France during the second half of 1951 would be feasible, since the King's health is now greatly improved. His postponed tour to Australia is unlikely to be carried out till 1951.

Royal Visit

On Thursday, December 8, the King and Queen, who are patrons of the British and Foreign Bible Society, will pay their first visit to Bible House, the London headquarters from which the society's work is directed.

The visit will be private, taking the form of a conducted

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Though the first experiment will be with atomic-driven warships, if these are a practical success we shall eventually have our modern ocean liners similarly propelled. It is even hoped that atomic engines may form one section of the 1951 Festival of Great Britain exhibition.



LONDON LETTER

the exception of fine crops of weeds.

One or two sites in the City have been transformed into miniature gardens with seats, lawns, and flower beds, but in the suburbs it is a different story. Old prams, rusty car bodies, tangled cycle frames and other rubbish provide the only ornaments.

The King and Queen, who will be accompanied by the Bishop of Lichfield and his wife, will be received by Sir Graeme Tyrrell, chairman of the society's governing body, and a party including two secretaries, the Rev. A. H. Wilkinson, and the Rev. W. J. Pratt.

Now there is another development in the occupation of bombed plots by mobile fish shops. This oil-fresco "dining" from newspapers is not pretty, and passers-by have also to tolerate an unmistakable odour of frying oil and vinegar.

Rayon Report

The findings of at least one more of the British Industrial "quiz teams" which have crossed the Atlantic to study American methods is likely to appear before Christmas. The rayon textile party, I learn, has completed its report, which has been reviewed at the Anglo-American Productivity Council's London headquarters and is now with the printers.

It is expected to show that, while the man for man the home industry is one of this country's young, it is up to American standards, the Americans have definite advantages in power and mechanical aids.

They have longer production runs, as they have a less varied market, for which to cater, and with a weaving machine force three-quarter material, the most celebrated figure of the hour.

What has Mr. Karas done? Mr.

Karas has written a tune, he is the composer and chief exponent on his zither, of the "Harry Lime Theme"—a haunting little piece of music intended by Carol Reed, the film director, as background music for his thriller "The Third Man"...

But destined, as it seems from the Londoner, to rock the country like a plague of the German measles.

We have had this kind of "popular success" before. I know what makes his melody different is that the author is being exulted simultaneously with his music. And he can hardly believe it.

Like A Fiddle

Karas keeps protesting that really this is just an old and quite ordinary bit of music that has been running in his head for 10 years. He wrote it while the film was played over to him, was famous the day the film was released, rich the next.

He is astonished. No heart-breaking interviews with publishers or wasted genius, no poverty. A tune in his head—and fame!

"The zither," he keeps saying, "there is nothing very remarkable about it. Why, they are as common as fiddles in Vienna!" But the Londoner is not to have his ardour cooled with this mundane comparison. Karas and his music are common meeting-ground for all sorts and conditions of men

As Before

There are a great many careful observers of contemporary history who are in complete agreement with Field-marshal Lord Wavell's expressed opinion that the Germans are still a more formidable danger to Europe and World peace than the Russians.

Lord Wavell comments that "they do not seem to have changed much." This is borne out by the reports of practically every Allied observer who has had close contact with even Western Germans, and is far from discounted by the speeches and attitude of those Germans to whom control in Western Germany has now been largely handed over.

Nor is the fact recently disclosed, that actually the latest official German stamp imprinted on visitors' passports and other documents bears a unescapable but still distinguishable swastika emblem, without its startling significance.

Bad To Worse

Locking at things from a purely scientific point of view, it has been suggested that some of Hitler's bombs did good job of work in London when they razed old rodent-infested buildings whose demolition was long overdue.

Now, however, almost five years after Germany's last air attacks the majority of bombed sites look much the same today as they did then, possibly with

more debris.

On its way to Britain in a strange war relic is a painting, but its canvas is metal, bulkhead, weighing 850 lb., torn from the former German battleship Tirpitz.

But the assertive process had been accompanied by a dangerous weakness, on which that great political thinker, Lord Acton, laid a finger.

The Scots, he said, while vigil

in ecclesiastical matters, had been culpably negligent of their national fabric.

A politically strong and united Scotland would not have had its Parliament packed away in 1707. It would have had no Jacobite risings, no clearances, no destruction of forests and other national assets, and it would have taken measures to guard its economic and social framework.



That's right! Just you all over! Always have the last say! Never let me get a word in edgeways! Nag, nag, all the time! And furthermore—!"

Scots Are Still Talking About HOME RULE

By WILLIAM POWER

As I sat in the Scottish National Assembly and listened to spokesmen of various bodies, I thought of Scotland's four-century record of divisiveness—the strangest in all history—and of what historians have said about it.

The lesson has not long last been taken home. The political and social opinions represented at the Scottish National Assembly were highly various and in some cases frankly expressed. But all the speakers met on common ground in their adherence to an agreed plan that, if resolutely promoted, would get Scotland within a year or two the legislative control of her own affairs and money that she urgently needs.

I doubt if I myself so recently as 10 years ago, would have agreed to any plan that gave our ancient nation anything less than complete sovereignty. As there seemed little hope of ever getting anything, one could afford to wage abstract battles in the realm of the ideal.

The conflicts between Presbyterians and Episcopalians, even

in a

war blodder than had

ragged over the Catholic Mary Stuart. Out of its last flicker came Jacobitism and Cameronian and Macmillanite sects.

Then came an intricate tangle of bifurcations and re-unions.

"Relief" kirk, Burghers and Anti-Burghers, Auld Lichts and New Lichts, "English" and "Scottish" Episcopalians, Independents, United Presbyterians, Moderates, Evangelical Union, Irvinites, Free Church, Original Seceders, Free Presbyterian, United Free Church, Free Church Continuing, Reformed Church of Scotland, United Free Church Continuing, not to speak of fragmentary or freak bodies like the "Brother Kirk" and the Buchanites.

Within a few years, thanks largely to the Leonard Declaration, our faraway dream Scotland has changed into a real Scotland within our grasp.

The Assembly was proof that we Scots have acquired political wisdom. Whatever our individual political ideas may be, we no longer push aside the substance for the shadow, particularly as acceptance in no way compromises our ideals.

We can go on dreaming, but from a basis of achieved reality. And what are dreams for Scotland worth if Scotland itself fades out?

One figure, alone, and that a great one, stood out, statuesque, against the Covenanters, the kirk in keeping, Hugh McDiarmid, represents Scotland beyond the dreams of politicians. What it should be like, no one can say, perhaps not even himself.

But he is a great poet and thinker, and as I looked across the hall I saw in him the living reminder that a nation's development is never finished. He stood for "the something ever yet about to be."

Hugh McDiarmid, who as a national poet "put a soul beneath the ribs of death," cannot but agree with the Assembly that there is not much of a national future for Scotland unless, very soon, she obtains charge of her own affairs.

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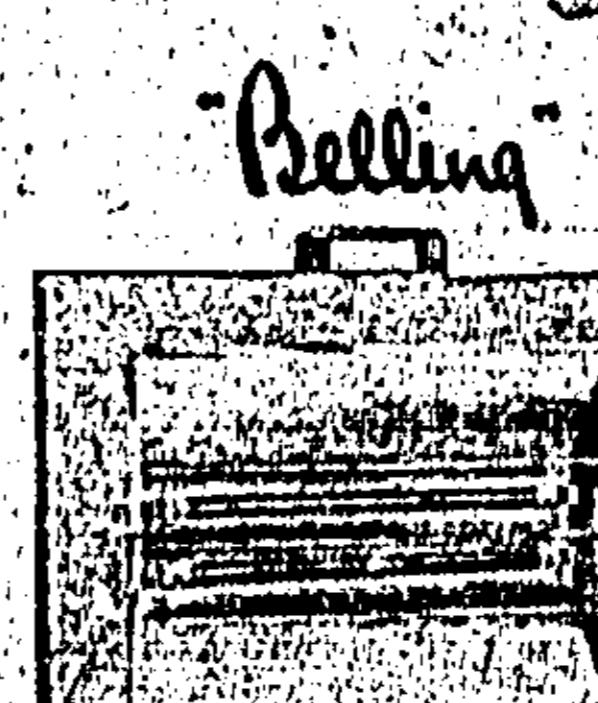
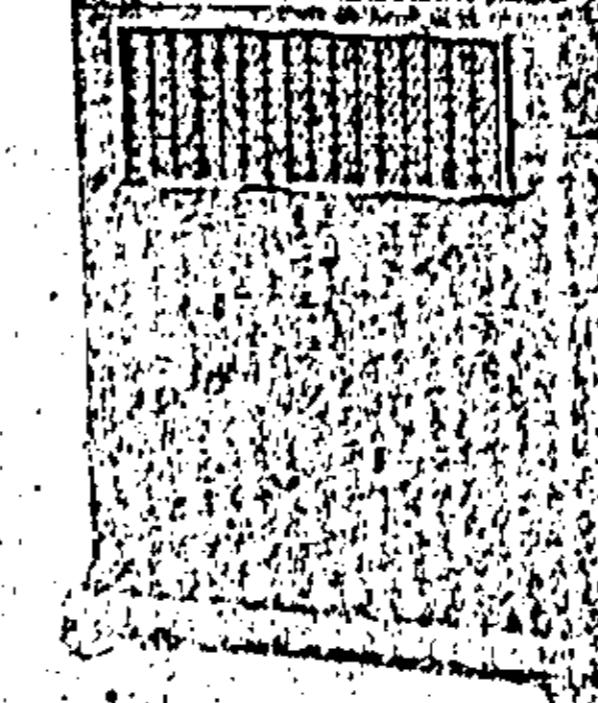
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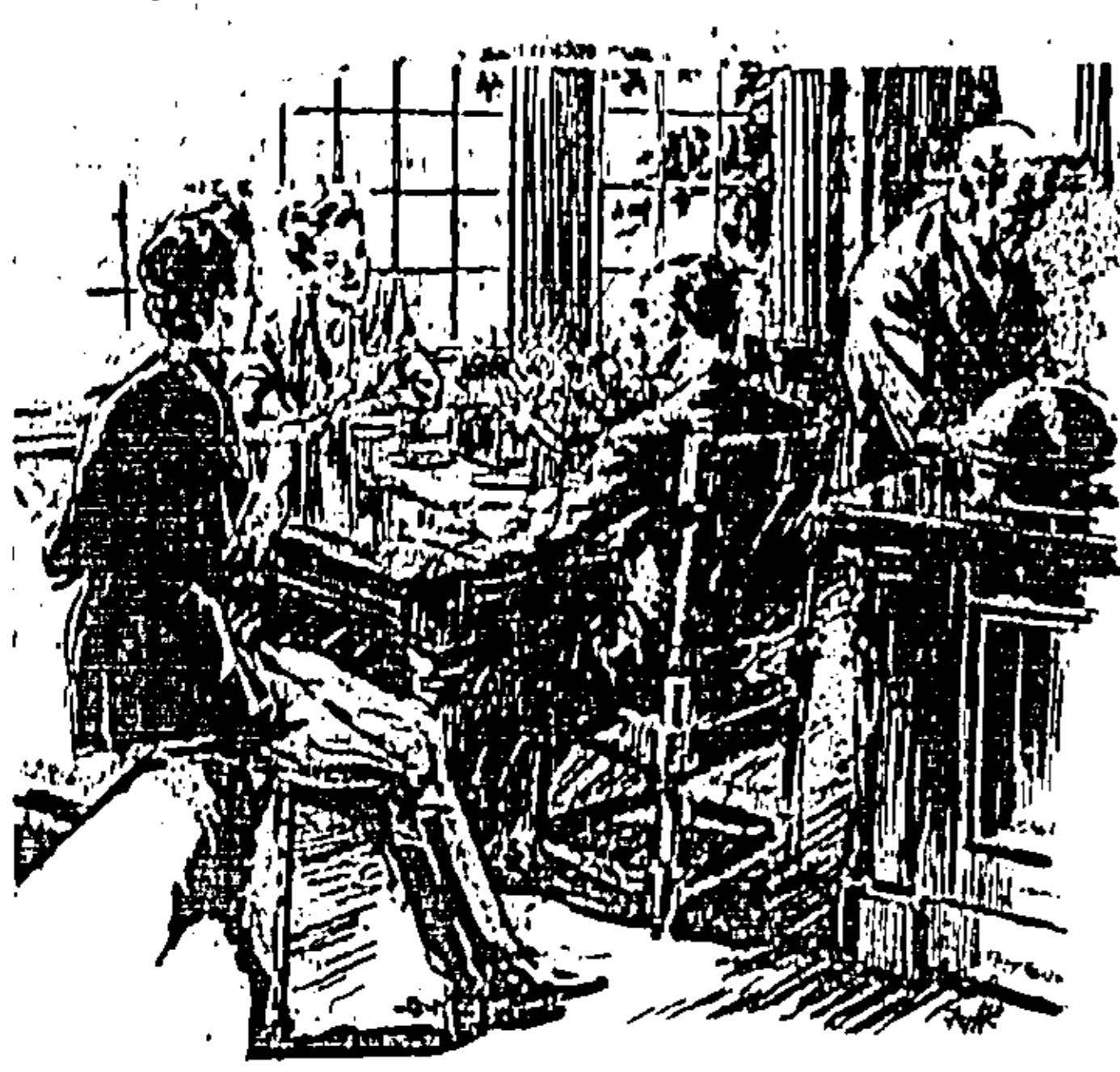
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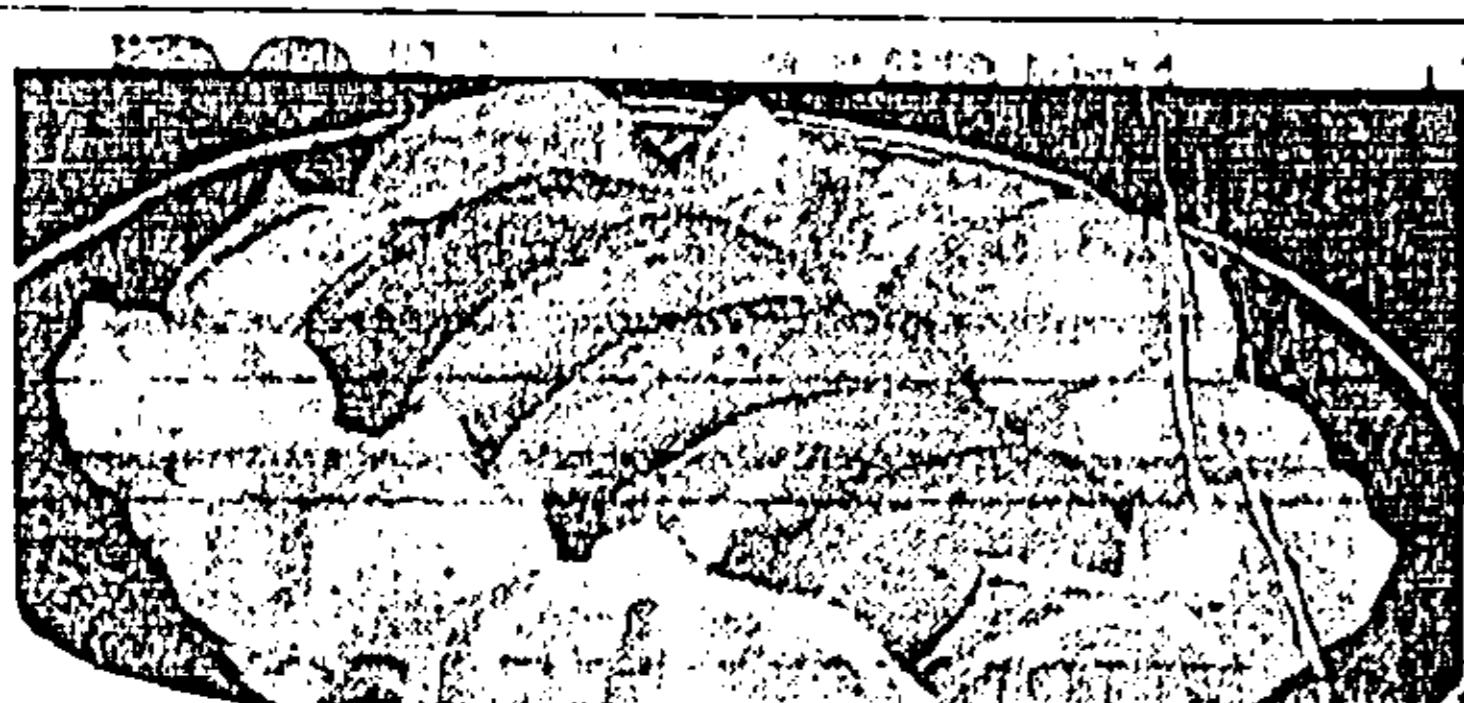
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Serious Threat To Tito

Washington, December 2. High diplomatic quarters said today that Russian troops would march into Yugoslavia this winter if the Kremlin leaders were convinced that the United States and Western Europe would stand idly by.

Officials who watched at close range the growing feud between Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and the Cominform said a "crisis" in the strained situation is almost inevitable before spring.

The critical phase may be beginning now, they say.

Immediate developments foreseen by these unusually well-informed sources, who cannot be quoted by name, include Russian-inspired sabotage inside Yugoslavia, frontier incidents, fifth column efforts to stir up a revolution against Tito and possibly a bold attempt to assassinate Tito.

Authorities here, and Yugoslav leaders as well, are reported to be convinced that all these "short of war" measures will fail to unseat Tito or to bring Yugoslavia to heel.

When if failure becomes apparent to the Politburo, it is believed, the Kremlin will make the fateful decision whether to start an armed attack on Yugoslavia.

That decision, it is said, will be governed largely by the Politburo's guess whether such a war could be "localized" in the Balkans or would mushroom into a worldwide conflict with the Western powers coming to Tito's aid.

United Press.

Purge Forecast In Romania

Bucharest, December 2. Speculation that Romania may be preparing a Rajk-type spy trial arose today when the former Romanian Minister of Justice, Mr. Lucian Patrascu, was branded in the Cominform Journal as an agent of the American Intelligence Service.

The accusation was made by Mr. Gheorghe-Dej, listed Mr. Patrascu as in the same class with the late Mr. László Rajk of Hungary, and Mr. Tariče Končić of Bulgaria, who is now awaiting trial in Sofia.

Heretofore Mr. Patrascu had only been accused of "deviations."—Associated Press.

GREEK SPEAKER

Athens, December 2. M. Pravdites Muntzurides, of the right wing Populist Party was today elected Speaker of the Greek Chamber of Deputies by 182 votes out of a total of 261.

He replaces M. John Theotokis, another Populist Party deputy, who had resigned after dissociating himself from the Party.—Reuter.

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"Yugoslavia Treated Like Soviet Colony"

Sarajevo, December 2. Eleven Soviet citizens, facing trial here for spying, treated Yugoslavia as a colony of the Soviet Union and did just as they pleased, the public prosecutor declared today.

The trial entered its second day with the examination of the chief accused, an Orthodox priest, Alexei Krisko, who declared when he entered the box, "I am not afraid of this court or even of death".

He admitted that he passed intelligence information to the Soviet Embassy in Belgrade, but denied charges that he had collaborated with the Gestapo during the war.

Krisko said that he used a special code to send information to Soviet officials through a former lay assistant in the Orthodox Church in Belgrade.

The assistant, Vladimir Nekludov, was indicted with the 31-year-old Enver Krizlje, read passages from Krisko's letters to Nekludov.

Krisko had written that shops in Yugoslavia were empty, that rations were only 10 per cent fulfilled and that Marshal Tito's Five-Year Plan had failed.

The prosecutor commented on the similarity between Krisko's statements about Yugoslavia and those broadcast by Moscow Radio.

"A Colony"

The prosecutor said, "It seems that Yugoslavia is not a sovereign country, but a colony of the Soviet Union in which you Russian

organisation were 'cum'."

It was this point that the prosecutor referred to the "similarity" between Krisko's statements and those of Moscow Radio.

He read articles from Moscow Radio broadcasts and compared them with paragraphs in Krisko's letters.

Krisko later admitted that he knew his reports were going to the Soviet Embassy.

In some letters he had spoken of his desire to return to the Soviet Union, he said.

Many Russian emigres had the same feeling, except a few who were terrified.

The trial was later adjourned.—Reuter.

Scheme To Aid Arab Refugees Approved In UN

United Nations, Lake Success, December 2.

The Special Political Committee today overwhelmingly recommended the adoption of the \$54,900,000 public works and relief programme designed to aid 1,000,000 Arab refugees from the Palestine war.

The vote was 48-0. Only the Soviet bloc and South Africa abstained—the latter because it has not received instructions from its home Government.

The vote was on the resolution sponsored jointly by the United States, Turkey, Britain and France.

Mr. John C. Ross of the United States led the delegations of the United Kingdom, France and Turkey in accepting—with a single minor reservation which is expected to be ironed out informally—Egyptian amendments to their joint resolution which sets up a programme of public works in the Middle East and provides direct financial aid to the homeless Arabs who fled Palestine.

The Egyptian amendments insert a clause re-affirming the right of refugees to return to their homes. This is expected to gain the support of the Arab states for the programme and probably secure United Nations acceptance but Israel, which has refused to repatriate more than 100,000 refugees, is certain to oppose the return of great numbers of refugees to its territory.

Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan, speaking for the sponsoring powers, agreed to let the director of the programme and his assistants in the field determine when the need for direct aid ends and referring this recommendation to the General Assembly.

Israel Attacked

They would also work out a working scale for direct relief.

During the debate in the Committee, Israel was bitterly attacked by Syria. The Syrian delegate, Ahmad Shukry, said the Arabs who reside up three-fourths of the Palestine population fled or were systematically displaced not primarily because of the Arab-Jewish war but because of planned strategy of the Zionists.

He declared, "The Jews in Palestine are a minority creating a minority problem. They should be elsewhere to achieve peace in the Middle East." He accused Israel of continuing acts of terrorism against the Arabs within its borders.—United Press.

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Alameda, California, December 2. A blazing 8,000-ton freighter rolled over and crashed against a pier here today after a two-mile dash through San Francisco Bay to seek the aid of fire-fighting equipment.

The ship, the "Matson Liner Hawaiian" (another 4,035 tons), remained afloat, however, with smoke still pouring from her hold. The fire was discovered early today when the vessel was in mid-stream.

The dash to Alameda followed after a huge quantity of water had been pumped into her, she careened over sharply, 10 degrees to starboard, smashing into the pier and tearing loose the bunks, bidding her to the fireboat.

Reuter.

MR. ZILLIACUS RESIGNS
London, December 2. Mr. Konstantinos Zilliacus, independent Labour Member of Parliament, tonight announced his resignation from the pro-Soviet Peace Committee.

In a letter to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Zilliacus, who has recently shown sympathies for the Tito régime, said that while continuing to support the "major purposes" of the organisation he is resigning on grounds of political organisation and method.

He is leaving the party.

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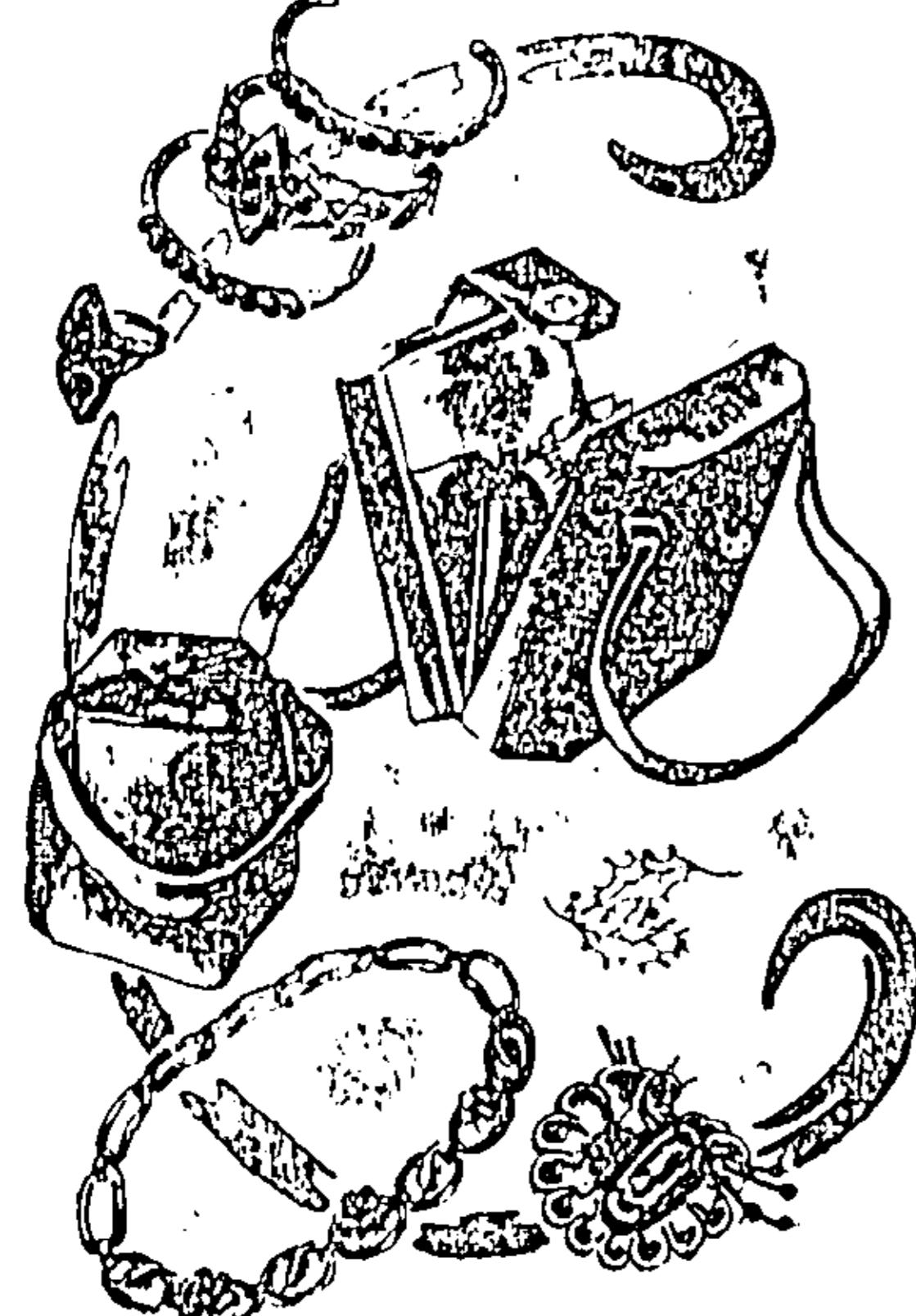
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IS 16 TOO YOUNG TO MARRY?

Seven Thousand Child Brides Went To The Altar In Britain In One Year. Were They Wise? Jack Thomas Sums Up On Their Chances Of Happiness.

"Mothers and fathers" has been a favourite nursery game for centuries. But, today, too many of Britain's youngsters are playing it in real earnest. And not always in the best company.

Lying on my desk is the Registrar-General's Statistical Review for 1947. It is a slim, grey-covered booklet recording in closely printed tables the births, deaths and marriages in England and Wales during the year. You couldn't imagine anything more prosaic. But it has given me the biggest shock I've had for many months.

Did you know that in 1947 there were 7,262 child-brides in Britain—three of them already widows and one a divorcee? That 60 of them married divorced men? That six of the 16-year-old girls who wed had already been through the Divorce Court? There were 600 boy-bride-grooms, too. One of them a lad of 17, described as a "divorced man."

It Turned Out Well For Dai

Year by year the totals of these juvenile marriages are mounting. Yet only about a third are what might be termed "marriages of necessity." What's happening to Britain's children?

What's driving them into matrimony often with divorced men and women straight from the schoolroom? What chance have their marriages of turning out well?

That's what I've been trying to find out from the marriage experts and from couples who took a chance on marrying young.

First, I talked to Dai Williams. I thought he ought to know. He's 30 now, a little semi-satsuma with a neat little semi-sashay in a London suburb. But, one of his children of an unemployed mother, he was barely 17 when he married his 16-year-old Blodwen down in the Rhondda Valley.

It's turned out well. With their sturdy 10-year-old son Gareth they're still supremely happy—but they don't advise other youngsters to follow their example.

Says Dai: "Ours was a special case. Things were tough in the valleys. I began work to help the old man while I was still at school, doing an early morning paper round. Mum did her best, but we were always hungry. So was Blodwen. Her dad was out of work, too. Hard living knocked all the childlessness out of us. By the time I was 17 I was a man."

"Now we're doing fine. But I wouldn't like to go through it again. We got by because hardships had made us old beyond our years and because scraping along on nothing was the only life we'd known. Given a similar background—and the breaks—I dare say a pair of youngsters would make the grade, but it's not the kind of experience I want for Gareth."

Well there's a man's slant on the problem. Now come along and meet Rosie Smith of King's Cross. At 16½ Rosie stands 5ft. 6in. In her fashionable wedge-heeled shoes and weight around 120lb. Her shining black hair is worn shoulder-length and exuberantly permed.

They find that some very early marriages are successful—but the risk of failure is great.

The Churches' Ministers of all denominations cited the neopaganism of modern life and the lack of youth clubs as reasons for the rising tide of juvenile marriages. One parish priest told me: "If a couple in their early teens asked me to marry them, I could not well refuse, but I would do my best to persuade them to wait for a year or two before taking such a momentous step. I believe most Parsons would do the same."

"But most of these youngsters have no religious background. They are beyond our reach. Children of 16 and 17 who live in truly Christian homes are unlikely to rush into premature marriage. Nor are those who spend their leisure in properly run youth clubs and organisations."

There's still another factor—geography. A social worker of wide experience pointed this out. "Some areas have a tradition of young marriage," he said. "In Lancashire and Wales about 85 per cent. of those who marry are under 21. And, strangely, there are more juvenile marriages in country and suburban districts in the big cities."

Wise To All The Wrong Things

"Then many men back from the war find it difficult to readjust themselves to family life. Some had been in prison camps and now suffer with bad neuroses. Their unhappy children rush into marriage just to get away from nagging and squabbling parents."

Finally—money. Youths still in their teens often take home a wage larger than that on which their fathers kept the entire family before the war. With seven or even eight pounds a week coming in they see no reason why they should wait to marry.

"To them, marriage is merely a matter of adequate income," a social worker summed up. "They are too young to understand the larger issues. With light hearts they take the plunge—which, all too often, ends in disaster."

Well, there it is. The marriage pendulum, whatever the reason, is swinging backwards to the days of grandmama and great-grandmama, when marriage at 16 or 17 was the accepted thing.

But there's this difference. The young miss of Victorian times was conditioned to marriage from the cradle. And she was trained for the job. Having attracted a good husband, her only ambition was to hold and serve him. The idea of separation or divorce made her shudder.

Most of the child-brides of today are tragically wise to all the wrong things. They can take shorthand at 100 words a minute, but they can't boil an egg without consulting the cookery book. They can shake a pretty rumba, but the weekly wash goes to the laundry. Fixing a faulty carburetor comes easier than sewing a patch on little Johnny's pants. And all too often they are more concerned with the trashy "purses" of some movies than with the responsibilities of a life-partnership.

Some come through. I've talked to many couples who, married while still in their teens, have found happiness. But they are the exceptions. Scrape away the make-up and—I can't help feeling—Miss Sixteen of 1949 is still a bewildered child.

But that's only my opinion. Would you like your daughter to marry so young?

Churches Blame Near-Paganism

I thought maybe the people at the Marriage Guidance Council could help. They have plenty of experience, with other folks' lives. But they were chary of defining an ideal age for marriage.

SEEN ON ALL THE BEST FACES

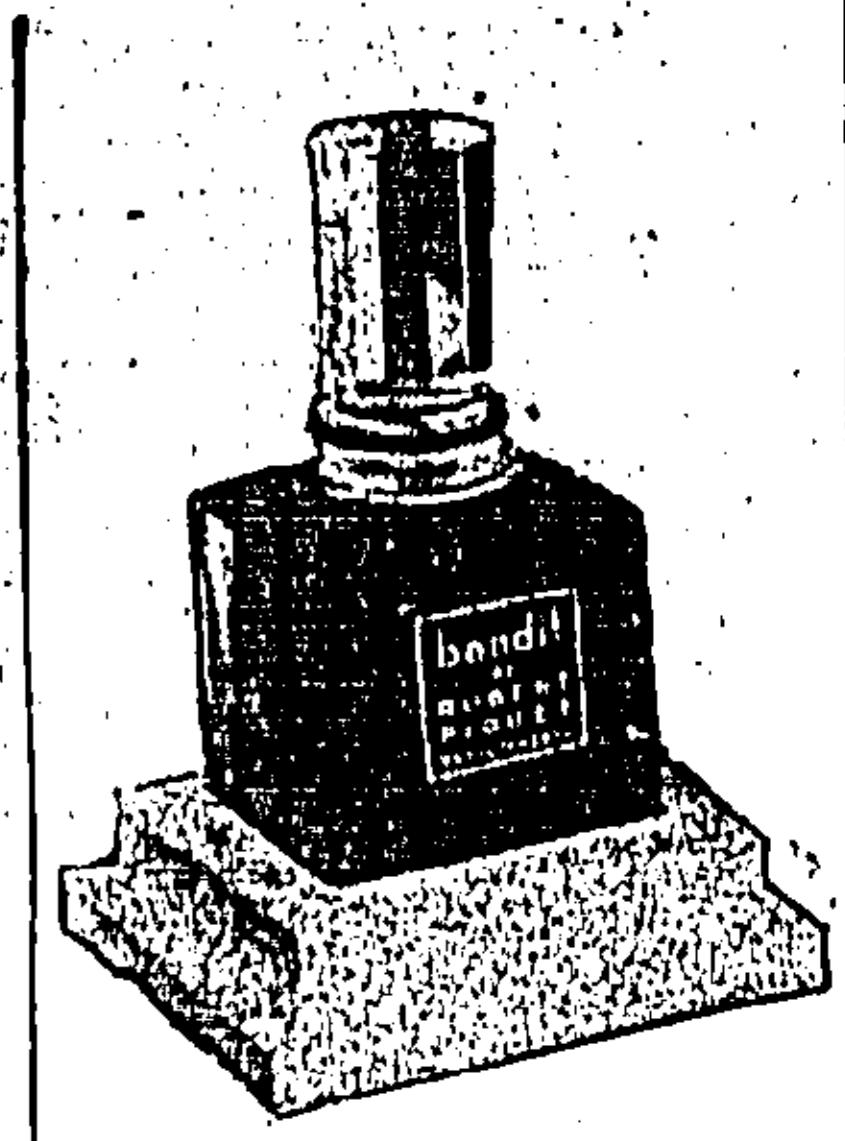
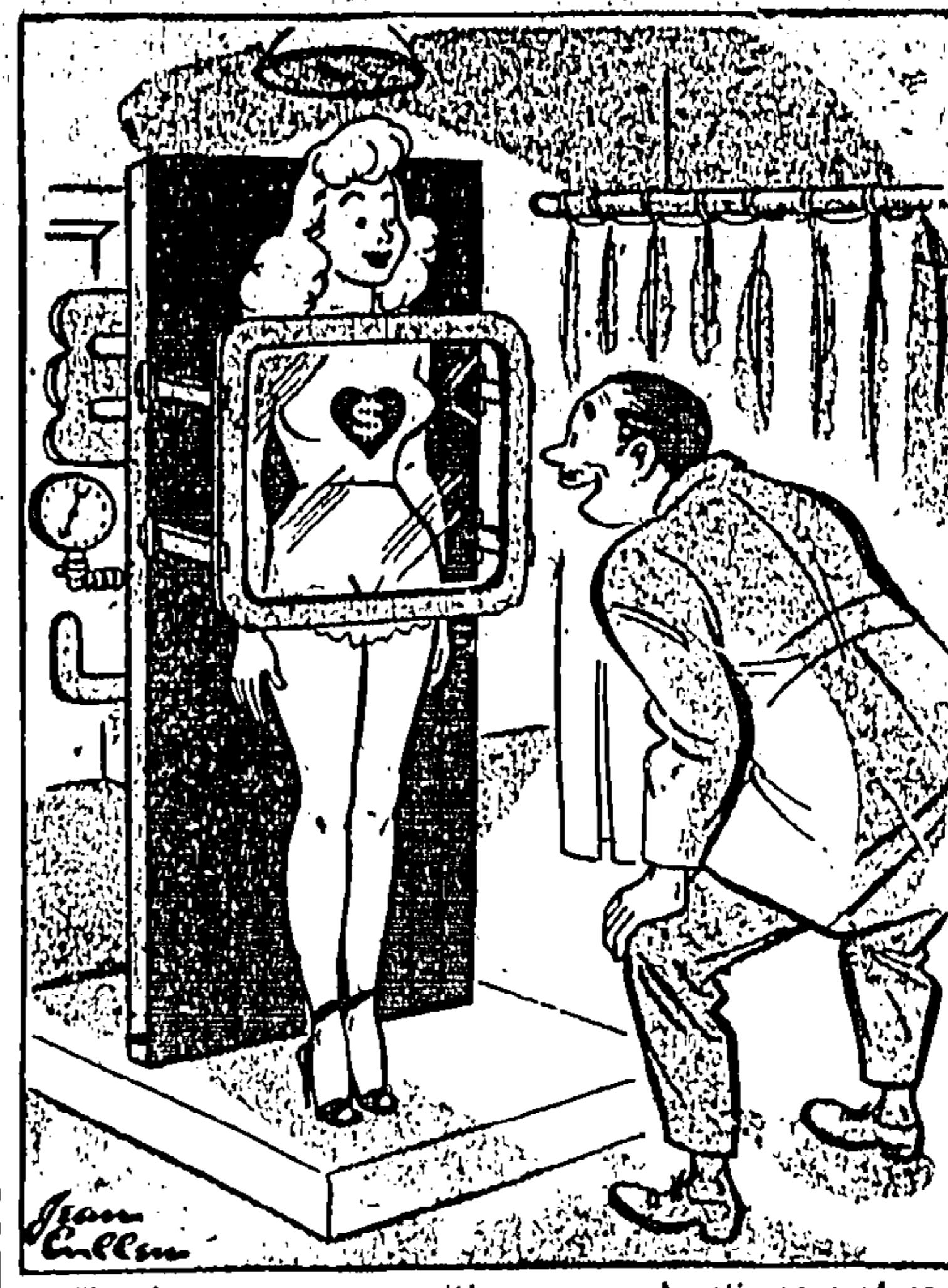
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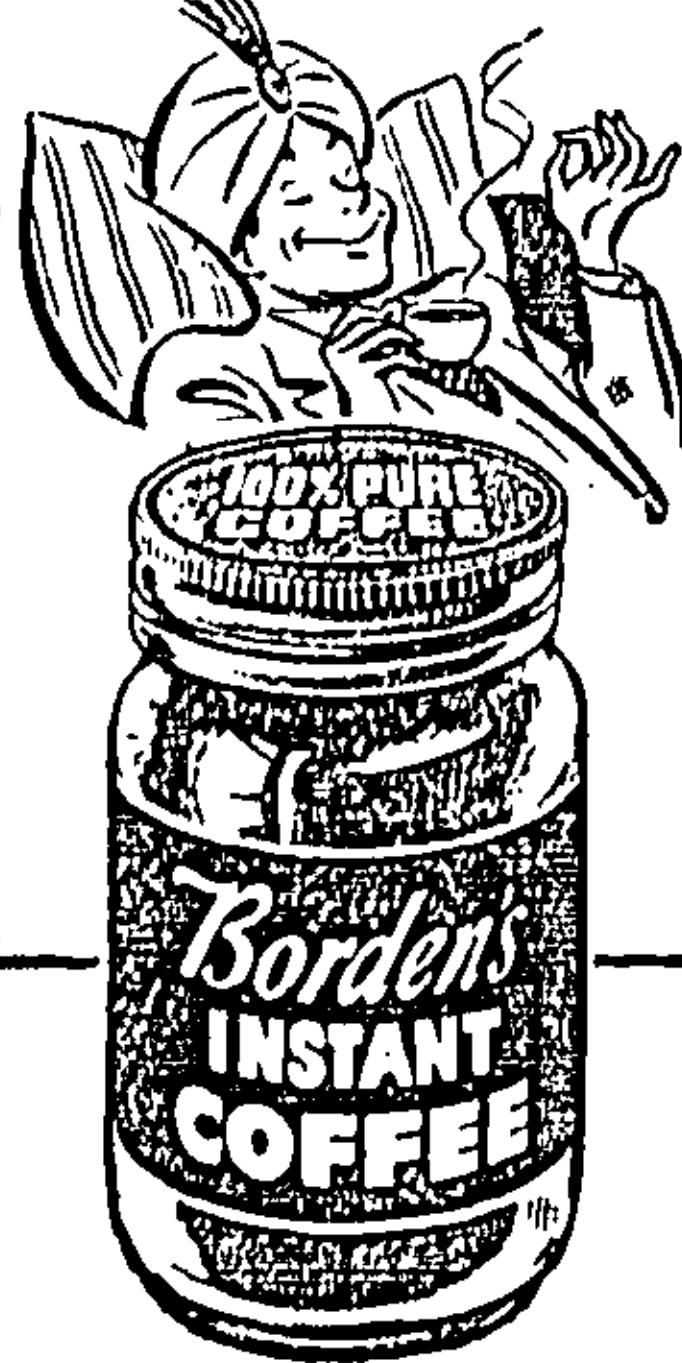
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I recovered only to leap forward to avoid an electric trolley speeding back for another load.

It is bewildering in the London Docks. There is so much activity so much industry and bustle, so much to see and so much to avoid. And all the time one is overwhelmed by the vastness, the speed, the mechanisation, the skill of the dockers and stevedores, and the experience of the clerks and officers who have built their life among the commodities of the world.

Here I stood at the north quay of the Royal Victoria Dock, one of the three which comprise the Royal Group. Of the five groups of docks administered by the Port of London Authority, an independent Public Body, the Royal Group is the largest. It covers a land area of 1,102 acres and a water area of 237 acres. It includes over 10 miles of deep water quays and can accommodate as many as 50 ships, representing over half a million gross register tons.

For this is only a fraction of the dock area which provides, as a service to shippers, more than 500 acres of warehouse and shed floor space alone and expert staff and the most modern facilities for handling every primary and secondary product which the world can produce.

I stood on the end of the new quay at the Royal Victoria Dock. It is one of the most ambitious schemes of re-development in the Port of London, and has only recently been completed. At the berth, specially constructed for discharging refrigerated meat, I watched the ship's gear dropping the carcasses of frozen meat, a dozen at a time, onto the electric trolleys, and no sooner had the sling been emptied than the trolleys whisked away. These are battery driven, re-charged each night at the PLA's own battery stations situated in the docks.

Don't Travel Far

They did not travel far, for the quay is constructed to reduce the interval during which the carcasses are out of cold storage to the absolute minimum. It is built on the principle of railway platforms. At one side, less than a dozen yards from the ship, more than a 100 insulated motor trucks were backed up to the quay, with scarcely an inch between them. The carcasses are loaded and the vans drive off to depots throughout London and the Home Counties.

At the other side of the quay are the railway sidings. Twelveton insulated rail vans were drawn up at the platforms. As these were loaded, one of the PLA's own railway engines shunted them across the docks' railway system to the Exchange sidings, where all rail traffic is handed over to British Railways and taken direct to the Midlands and other destinations.

Running under the roof of the quay at the meat berth is an elaborate overhead rail system which is used in normal times for sorting and grading carcasses of chilled meat. The stevedores hang the carcasses on the hooks, and these are transported to various parts of the quay according to the quality and grade of the carcass.

At the present time, however, when all meat is imported by the Ministry of Food, there is no quality grading, and the PLA meat officers, who are experts in the trade, have no sorting duties to carry out. A tally of the carcasses unloaded, and an inspection to see that they are in good condition, is the current procedure.

Not all frozen meat leaves the docks immediately, however, for the Port of London Authority provides shippers with cold storage facilities in the docks themselves.

To The Cold Stores

Meat which is to be stored on the premises until required is moved from the quay to the cold stores in insulated rail vans.

The Port of London cold stores, situated in the Royal Group of Docks, consist of three blocks. In them 6 million cubic feet of space is maintained at a temperature of 10 degrees by a most up-to-date refrigerating plant.

During the war, when the Port of London suffered more damage than all the other ports of Britain combined, it was a constant fear that one day the refrigerating machinery might be hit by bombs or rockets.

It had been, the havoc and devastation would have been tremendous. The dock workers, who carried out their duties in

spite of everything which the enemy did to prevent them, always had to face this added danger.

Nearly 28,000 tons of meat, bacon, tinned eggs, dairy produce, rabbits and poultry can be accommodated in the cold stores, and among the rarer items which can be seen in the bays are turtles which will eventually become turtle soup.

The stores are entered by means of lifts, which ascend on the outside of the buildings to the top floor, where the carcasses pass through a temperature trap, and is taken, in bond, to the customs floor of the warehouse. Sitting in a glass-fronted box in front of large scales is a customs officer and PLA clerk.

Each hogshead or case is brought in, coopers remove the top and empty the entire contents onto the scales. It is weighed, and this is the weight against which duty is payable. The weight is entered by both the customs officer and the PLA clerk against the identification serial number of that particular hogshead or case.

Each lift takes the produce up to any floor inside the cold chamber, and each floor is a veritable labyrinth of bays and shelves. All the floors are built on a lath principle so that the cold air can be constantly circulated throughout the entire building. The staff know exactly where each shipment is stored because of the elaborate system of checking which is used.

In pre-war days, when meat was imported by private traders, any particular carcass could be brought from the cold stores at the request of the importer.

The men who are responsible for the efficiency of the stores are the engineers who tend to the refrigeration plant, cleaning engines which maintain a constant circulation throughout the entire building. The most important job is that of inspecting the valves throughout the system, for it is by the adjustment of these that the required temperature is maintained.

Farther east from the meat berth in the Royal Victoria Dock is a new quay three-quarters of a mile long. On it have been built five reinforced brick and concrete warehouses; each of three storeys, 500 feet long, 150 feet wide, and equipped with modern cranes, lifts and other facilities.

A new feature of this quay is the wide concrete balcony which runs the whole length of the three warehouses at second floor level on the dock side. This enables ships to discharge cargoes for warehousing direct onto the balcony. Electric trucks, which have been lifted up by some of the many mobile cranes, run the cargoes into the warehouses for storing until required.

Meanwhile, cargoes which have to be cleared are unloaded direct to the quay, and the ground floors of all three warehouses are used for transit purposes.

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At the present time, however, when all meat is imported by the Ministry of Food, there is no quality grading, and the PLA meat officers, who are experts in the trade, have no sorting duties to carry out. A tally of the carcasses unloaded, and an inspection to see that they are in good condition, is the current procedure.

Not all frozen meat leaves the docks immediately, however, for the Port of London Authority provides shippers with cold storage facilities in the docks themselves.

To The Cold Stores

Meat which is to be stored on the premises until required is moved from the quay to the cold stores in insulated rail vans.

The Port of London cold stores, situated in the Royal Group of Docks, consist of three blocks. In them 6 million cubic feet of space is maintained at a temperature of 10 degrees by a most up-to-date refrigerating plant.

During the war, when the Port of London suffered more damage than all the other ports of Britain combined, it was a constant fear that one day the refrigerating machinery might be hit by bombs or rockets.

It had been, the havoc and devastation would have been tremendous. The dock workers, who carried out their duties in

spite of everything which the enemy did to prevent them, always had to face this added danger.

Nearly 28,000 tons of meat, bacon, tinned eggs, dairy produce, rabbits and poultry can be accommodated in the cold stores, and among the rarer items which can be seen in the bays are turtles which will eventually become turtle soup.

The stores are entered by means of lifts, which ascend on the outside of the buildings to the top floor, where the carcasses pass through a temperature trap, and is taken, in bond, to the customs floor of the warehouse. Sitting in a glass-fronted box in front of large scales is a customs officer and PLA clerk.

Each lift takes the produce up to any floor inside the cold chamber, and each floor is a veritable labyrinth of bays and shelves. All the floors are built on a lath principle so that the cold air can be constantly circulated throughout the entire building. The staff know exactly where each shipment is stored because of the elaborate system of checking which is used.

In pre-war days, when meat was imported by private traders, any particular carcass could be brought from the cold stores at the request of the importer.

The men who are responsible for the efficiency of the stores are the engineers who tend to the refrigeration plant, cleaning engines which maintain a constant circulation throughout the entire building. The most important job is that of inspecting the valves throughout the system, for it is by the adjustment of these that the required temperature is maintained.

Farther east from the meat berth in the Royal Victoria Dock is a new quay three-quarters of a mile long. On it have been built five reinforced brick and concrete warehouses; each of three storeys, 500 feet long, 150 feet wide, and equipped with modern cranes, lifts and other facilities.

A new feature of this quay is the wide concrete balcony which runs the whole length of the three warehouses at second floor level on the dock side. This enables ships to discharge cargoes for warehousing direct onto the balcony. Electric trucks, which have been lifted up by some of the many mobile cranes, run the cargoes into the warehouses for storing until required.

Meanwhile, cargoes which have to be cleared are unloaded direct to the quay, and the ground floors of all three warehouses are used for transit purposes.

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Between Ourselves

THREE WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS

By CLAUDIA

Only three short weeks to Christmas and the gay round of parties, festivities and celebrations. Are you going to look your very best in spite of late nights and Christmas fare? A new perm and a brace of new party frocks are very good—but not quite good enough. It's you who has to look on top of the world.

Christmas time is always a strain on the complexion. Even the most asthmatics find themselves including in their fare more "hard" drinks and inter-housers than usual. And you must start off in the best of form. If you mean to stay the course without developing the haggard look...

First, it is a good plan to make sure that your new party frock will not reveal markedly traces of the summer's faded colour. Back, arms, and shoulders must be scrubbed every day with warm water, soap, and soft nailbrush. This is where the back brush is so useful, too, loosening the dry flakes of old skin, making way for the new.

Similarly use a coarse face-bath for the face and neck, then sponge with a five per cent solution of peroxide of hydrogen.

Peroxide is a splendid bleach, but as soon as it begins to smart, it must be rinsed off with cold water. For fine sensitive skins, the five per cent solution should be diluted with equal parts of water.

Bleaching Creams

Bleaching creams are useful too, especially for a discoloured neck. They can be left on all night, used alternately with your skin food.

This freshening and toning of the skin is of the first importance to a woman, now-needed to use a simple evening gown.

In connection with the bleaching process, be sure to use your skinfood every day, leave it on for at least a quarter of an hour, to soak into the skin and keep it soft and supple.

Then buy yourself an adhesive cream, present of a reliable

make-up and use it once a week right through the holiday season.

For clearing the skin, drawing out the acidity, the muddiness or spots, a mask containing yeast is excellent—and inexpensive.

For bleaching a discoloured skin there are special bleaching masks, which are most helpful if used in conjunction with the treatment I have already outlined.

A Real Tonic

Most useful of all at this time, however, is the refreshing cream mask to be used just before you go out to a party. The cream mask takes only 20 minutes to apply and can be left on while you are having your bath or getting things ready. It is a real tonic, leaving the skin sparkling-fresh and alive.

An egg mask is a first rate home-made recipe. Just take the white of an egg and paint this on to your face, allowing each layer a minute to dry before applying the next. Leave on for 10 minutes, then wash off gently with warm water and a little soap.

Cleanse—lubricate—refresh—and relax! For beauty's sake, do have an occasional early night. And when you can't, find a few minutes each day to relax—really relax, lying flat and limp, thinking of nothing.

And lastly, beauty from within—in other words, the morning dose of salts. Even if the morning draught is not on your regular schedule, add it on for the Christmas season with all the jollity and rich fare. You will feel better for it and your skin will stay fresh and clear.

Ann Temple Ability To Judge

I occupy an administrative post and come in daily contact with many different types and classes of people. It seems to me that to conduct a successful interview one needs an ability to judge other people's character quickly and accurately.

I am conscious of the lack of this quality in myself and should be glad to know how to develop it.

Look for the cause and correct accordingly. It could be the result of no observation or of preoccupation that prevents the instinctive impression—indeed, any one of half a dozen causes.

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Popularity Problems Of Children

All his life the child wants urgently to be loved, liked and admired. At first it is enough for him if he can feel absolutely certain of his mother's love. A little later, the father also becomes important to him, then the other members of the family.

By the time he goes to school his horizons have widened so that he wants and needs to be accepted by the children of his own age that he mixes with.

This need for acceptance by the group becomes stronger and stronger as the child grows towards adolescence, and reaches a peak between the age of 10 and 12 years when the formation of closely-knit, well-organized "gang" groups, scoldies and so on, are a feature of the child's life.

The child who makes a bid for popularity, often starts out by increasing his bragging and boasting. When he finds that this has anything but the desired effect, he will often try to "buy" friends by saving up all his pocket money to buy a chosen few to drink and ice-creams and so make a good fellow of himself.

Unfortunately, usually his weekly allowance soon becomes inadequate, and so he resorts to all sorts of tricks, many of them dishonest, in order to procure a few more dollars to squander on this false popularity. Delinquency can, and very often does, begin in this way.

It would seem then, that a certain degree of popularity is absolutely essential to every child. Deprived of it entirely, children tend to move towards one of the two great pitfalls of adolescence—a "nervous breakdown" or delinquency.

Extreme Shyness

Among the personality traits and conditions that produce a child who is unpopular with his contemporaries is extreme shyness—the sort of shyness that makes the child appear gaudy and stand-offish to other children. Also there are feelings of insecurity and insufficiency which the child covers up by excessive bragging and boasting or by a "know-all" attitude which other children find very hard to take.

Environment conditions also frequently produce varying degrees of unpopularity. The child whose parents are always moving, who never has a settled home and is always changing schools, has little chance to develop firm friendships, or form a niche for himself in a group of children.

In some homes there are various conditions which make the child unable or unwilling to entertain his friends there, and it is hard for a child to make and keep friends if he cannot invite them home. These conditions include extreme poverty, drunkenness, or some outstanding peculiarity such as insanity, in another member of the household.

Parents who are over-critical of their children's friends or who are un sympathetic or even hostile about other children coming into the house are putting grave difficulties in the way of their own children's popularity.

Reactions To Unpopularity

The child who for any one of these reasons finds himself unpopular, tends to do, secretly speaking, one of two things. Either he submits to his fate and makes no attempt to be popular or, else he makes a desperate and usually quite unsuccessful last bid for popularity.

The first type of child, who is usually a shy child to start with, becomes shyer, withdraws more and more into himself and builds up a fantasy world into which he retreats. Carried to extremes, this sort of behaviour leads eventually to "nervous breakdown."

He may, on the other hand, on giving up the struggle where the children are concerned, in-

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STERLING BALANCES WARNING

London, December 2.
The weekly review "Economist" said today that there are many reasons why Britain should hesitate in seeking any spectacular solution to the Sterling balances.

After analysing at length the nature of the blocked balances and the problems their releases have created for British economy, the "Economist" said that the first of these reasons is that any spectacular solution would have to be generalised.

"This would be necessary to avoid the appearance of unfair discrimination between the various creditors."

"Secondly, any solution that would involve the definite funding of a large part of these debts would probably entail the payment by Britain of an appreciably higher rate of interest than the half per cent per annum which is now being paid on the bulk of the balances."

"A third reason for not seeking a spectacular and generalised solution is that the right releases whether in Sterling or in the form of hard currency, which must go with any funding agreement, might have some drawbacks. They would commit Britain to specific defined obligations, and thus sacrifice the elasticity of the present arrangements."—Reuter.

Japanese Imports

Tokyo, December 2.
Japan's imports during the 1939 trade year from July 1 this year to June 30 next year will total \$917,800,000, according to a decision reached by the International Trade and Industry Ministry.

The figure, set along lines suggested by Mr. William Logan, director general of the Joint Export-Import Agency for Western Germany during his recent survey trip in Japan, will mean an increase of about \$80,000,000 over the Japanese Government's original import target of \$840,000.

Fifty-six per cent of the total will come from dollar areas as contrasted to 70 per cent in the current year.

Next year's plan calls for 20 per cent of the total from sterling areas and the remainder from Latin America and other nations.

The Japanese Government is ready to put imports in private hands beginning January 1. Export trade has been put in private hands as of December 1. United Press.

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The Overseas Trade Minister, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, and the Burmese Foreign Minister, U.E. Maung, made final plans here today for a commercial treaty between Britain and Burma.

The Burmese Foreign Minister, accompanied by U Ohn, Burmese Ambassador to Britain, also had a personal talk with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, at No. 10 Downing Street.

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TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

First Division

Comptons v. HKCC ("Campions"), at

Buckingham, 1.45 p.m.

Hazard Shield, England v. Australia, at Chater Road, 11 a.m.

Friends, F.C. v. HKCC, 1.45 p.m.

D.O. XI v. XI, 2nd XI v. XI, 1.45 p.m.

President's XI v. Vice-President's XI, at

HKCC, 2nd XI v. Police, at Kai Tak, 1.45 p.m.

Presidents v. H.M.S. TAMAR, at King's Park, 1.45 p.m.

FOOTBALL

CRAVEN CUP

CNAAF v. Comptons, 1.45 p.m.

F.A. XI v. XI, 1.45 p.m.

Cornell & Ellington, 1.45 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

Dockyard v. Prisoners, Navy, 1.30 p.m.

(Referee: A. H. Hirsch).

Navy v. PCA, Navy, 4 p.m. (Referee: Mak Yee-fai).

New Vendor v. Yard Police, Navy, Happy Valley, 4 p.m. (Referee: P. H. Herbert).

South China v. University, St. Joseph's, 1.45 p.m. (Referee: W. G. McKeon).

University v. Remondi, 1.45 p.m. (Referee: G. T. Grummitt).

HOCKEY

Nomads v. Comptons, Buckingham, 10 a.m.

(Referee: C. Y. Gater and Mr. Gurnett).

Dutch v. Navy, King's Park, BNRC No. 1, 10 a.m. (Referee: Mr. Gurnett and Mr. D. S. Dillon).

University v. Remondi, "A", Pokfulam, 10.30 a.m. (Referee: Mr. Palmer and Capt. Chinnall).

Oxford Taxis v. Army, Suckemore, 11.15 a.m. (Referee: Mr. H. J. Jones and Mr. L. H. Fox).

GOLF

Ponting, Old Course, 9 a.m.

TENNIS

Units of Comptons, Doubters, 10.30 a.m. (Referee: T. Y. Tsoi and Y. P. Tsui).

KCC v. Army of KCC, Cox's Road, Kowloon, 9.45 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Men's Senior League

CBA Grounds, 11 a.m. Sojuts v. Jaguars

(Hill Silva, C. Remondi, C. Y. Yee-muchi, Eddie Longstroth, 12.30 p.m.)

Dobell v. Overseas, 1.30 p.m.

Army v. M. M. Madras, 2 p.m.

Wobblers v. Dick Chuns, 2.30 p.m.

Henry Wong, S.C. Wong, Tony Kwok, 3.30 p.m.

American v. Companions, 4.30 p.m.

(Buster Holland, Robert Verheyen, A. Thomas, Bimbi Abing).

Ladies' Senior League

CBA Grounds, 3.30 p.m. Canadiana v. Wildest (Sally Ratack, S.H. Khan, Nigella Esrahim, Billi Winkler).

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Dolward failed to score in the first overtime frame, but Aces F. Xavier singled to left field after F. Remondi had grounded out.

The left-fielder then committed the costliest bungle of the whole game when, he allowed the ball to get past him, and Xavier crossed the plate to end the ball game.

Panda cub L. T. Cheng maintained his batting form when he clouted two safeties in four times at bat, although his side fell before the powerful Spartans by the lop-sided score of 21-4.

Bobby Hearth was the golden-haired boy for the Spartans as his bat barked three times for safeties in his six tries.

SCORES AT A GLANCE

LADIES' JUNIOR LEAGUE

White Fangs, 18, St. Teresa's, 0

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

Blackhawks, 3, Overseas, 2

Delaware Aces, 9, Delawares, 8

Spartans, 21, Pandas, 4

Today's Attention

A record attendance at the CBA Park, expected the morning of 11 a.m. when the USS Saipan, a 35,000-ton flattop, steamed into the harbor.

At 9.30 a.m. the boxes tangle with British in the Junior League show-down, the decision of this tilt affecting several squads who are on the verge of being out of the pennant picture.

BOY'S SHOT-PUT FINAL

"A" DIVISION

1. Chan Ming-wing (Far East), 10.73 metres, 2. Pui, Man-kung (Wah Kin), 3. Fang Chang-fai (Pui Ching), 4. Lee Sow-sun (Far East).

"B" DIVISION

1. Lam Kin-hong (Wah Yan), 12.45 metres, 2. Pui, Man-kung (Wah Kin), 3. Fang Chang-fai (Pui Ching), 4. Yuen Chung (Hing Yan).

BOY'S LONG JUMP FINAL

1. Leung Tak-ki (Wah Yan AM), 5.17 metres, 2. Tai, Yung-ham (Pui Ching), 3. Chang Tsz-chi (Far East), 4. Chan Shu-fan (Pui Ching).

BOY'S JAVELIN FINAL

1. Ng King-chau (Pui Tao), 20.57 metres, 2. Chang Wan-yuen (Pui Tao), 3. Wong Oi-kuuen (Tung Chui), 4. Leo Yuk-mui (Pui Tao).

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"B" DIVISION

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SAILOWS

1. Ng King-chau (Pui Tao), 20.57 metres, 2. Chang Wan-yuen (Pui Tao), 3. Wong Oi-kuuen (Tung Chui), 4. Leo Yuk-mui (Pui Tao).

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FORT KNOX WINS ST. ANDREW'S STAKES

Fort Knox, ridden by Mr. H. Maitland, won the St. Andrew's Stakes, main event of the Eleventh Race Meeting at Happy Valley yesterday.

Ten starters competed in this event. Fort Knox led all the way, followed by Bootsie, the hottest favourite. In the home straight, Bootsie was successively overtaken by Pleasant Valley and Amazon.

The St. Andrew's Plate was presented by Mr. D. S. Reid, Chairman of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, to Mr. F. K. Ko, owner of Fort Knox.

The biggest surprise yesterday was the victory of Dashing Beauty in the fourth event. Almost at the bottom of the betting list, she outraced the two hottest favourites, Bootsie Town and Jennifer, which came in third and fourth respectively.

Dashing Beauty's 931 backers were each rewarded with a day's credit of HK\$140.30, the biggest payout on the pari-mutuel system to date.

Mr. Kenneth Kwoi was a bitterly disappointed man yesterday when he failed to bring The Tigeress to first place in the seventh event. The result of a fall start, she traded far behind until reaching the public stand when apparently in a last minute effort, she shot forward but reached the winning post one and a half lengths behind.

Mr. H. Maitland was the most successful jockey yesterday, with three wins and one place to his credit.

The laziest jockey was perhaps Mr. W. Williamson, who won his 10th race yesterday in the first event of the day and graduated out of his novitiate. Mr. Williamson began his racing in Hong Kong only this year.

Hot favourites won in only two out of the eight events. The others went either in third or fourth choice places or to complete outsiders.

In the big cash sweep on the last race ticket No. 82330 drew the first prize of HK\$8,615, ticket No. 98,708 the second prize of HK\$28,175, and ticket No. 88,822 the third prize of HK\$14,008.

The Pipes and Drums of the King's Own Scottish Borderers provided entertainment in between the races yesterday with a Bunting of the Retreat in celebration of St. Andrew's Day.

Following are the results:

Glencoe Handicap (First Section)

Race 1—For Australian Ponies Class 5, ridden by jockeys who have not won 10 races. From the 1½ mile post (About 1½ miles 10 yards).

1. Colonia; 2, Trade Wind; 3, Spanish Onion; 4, Chelsea.

Won by two lengths; 34 length.

Time: 1:03:22.

Parimutuel Win: \$38.40; Places: \$10.00; \$30.00; \$10.00.

Holding: Amstel, 145 (G.O. Jones).

Win: 64, 107; Chelsea, 152 (W.A.N. Darkin); 150 (K. Castro); 155 (F. Noddy); 155, 156, 158; Lightning, 162 (H.R. Holgate); 1710, 2140; National.

Glencoe Handicap (Second Section)

Race 4—For Australian Ponies Class 5. From the 1½ mile post (About 1½ miles 10 yards).

1. Dashing Beauty II; 2, Poker Face; 3, Boom Town; 4, Jennifer. Won by four lengths; one length.

Time: 1:02:3.

Parimutuel Win: \$140:30; Places: \$24.00; \$18.50; \$9.20.

BETTING: Argus, 145 (L.S. Mu); 150, 151; Place: 125; Dashing Beauty, 153 (K. Castro); 157, 157, Chief Pilot; 158; J. P. Hunt; 158, 168; Flying Arrow, 149 (F. Noddy); 156, 153; King of Peace, 150 (W.N. Thomas); 149, 150; Lucky Jane, 151 (H. Maitland); 152, 152; Marigold, 154 (B.L. Tan); 156, 156; Minx, 143 (W. Williamson); 155, 155; Peacock, 149 (F. Noddy); 150, 150; Peacock, 151 (F. Noddy); 152, 152; Peacock, 152 (H. Maitland); 153, 153; Peacock, 153 (F. Noddy); 154, 154; Peacock, 154 (F. Noddy); 155, 155; Peacock, 155 (F. Noddy); 156, 156; Peacock, 156 (F. Noddy); 157, 157; Peacock, 157 (F. Noddy); 158, 158; Peacock, 158 (F. Noddy); 159, 159; Peacock, 159 (F. Noddy); 160, 160; Peacock, 161 (F. Noddy); 162, 162; Peacock, 163 (F. Noddy); 164, 164; Peacock, 165 (F. Noddy); 166, 166; Peacock, 167 (F. Noddy); 168, 168; Peacock, 169 (F. Noddy); 170, 170; Peacock, 171 (F. Noddy); 172, 172; Peacock, 173 (F. Noddy); 174, 174; Peacock, 175 (F. Noddy); 176, 176; Peacock, 177 (F. 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